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Pension application of John Rosson

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions January term 1833

On this 11th day of January personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina, now sitting, John Rosen a resident of said County and states his age 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. To wit That he was born in South Carolina on the 12th day of July 1771. That he is the record made by his parents. That he lived at Stono on Ashley River and volunteered in the service of the United States in the year 1776 or 7 for the term of 3 years under Captain Davis and was commanded by Colonel Scervin [sic?] And was scouting with General Marion against the Tories and the first battle he was in at the Juniper Springs against the Tories, at which place they defeated the Tories killed some and took some prisoners. He marched on scouts frequently and was always bearing arms until the battle of Congaree against the Tories and British who was commanded by Tarleton the Americans here got completely defeated and made Tories he was here taken prisoner and received a wound in his left arm which he here presents to the court the British carried the prisoners to Camden and here put the applicant in the Hospital & he was still prisoner and carried to the City of Savannah while that city was in possession of the British and remained there during the winter he was then carried to Haddrell's Point near Charleston at which place he and his companion (by name Potts) made their escape and went back to his neighborhood and join his company, and shortly after this peace was declared and returned home. He was in the American service 18 months as a volunteer, that the greater part of the time he was prisoner taken at the battle opposite Columbia and on the Congaree River, that he received no discharge that his officers were both killed at the battle at Granby on the Congaree River and that he lived in South Carolina in Camden & Georgetown until he removed to Buncombe County North Carolina where he has lived for the last 25 years and where he resides at present. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Rosson, H his mark

[Charles Moore & Thomas T. Patton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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[Text obliterated] appeared before me J. M. Rice a justice [word or words obliterated and for the County aforesaid William [last name obliterated] having been first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath certify that John Rosson whose declaration for a pension is hereunto attached he is the identical John Rosson who did serve with him in the War of the revolution in the State of South Carolina in the militia of said State, that they were marched together to Charleston. And that they were separated there after the battle was fought. I understood John Rosson was taken prisoner and what became of him after that I cannot say until I saw him in this Country.

Given from under my hand and seal this 22nd day of October 1834

S/ J. M. Rice, JP

S/ Wm Sentell¹

I Joseph M. Rice do hereby certify that I have been acquainted for many years with William Sentelle. That he has always born the character of having been a revolutionary soldier -- and is a given under my hand and seal 22nd October 1834

S/ J. M. Rice

State of North Carolina Buncombe County: On this 21st day of April 1835, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Buncombe now sitting John Rosson a resident of the County of Buncombe in the State of North Carolina, aged 84 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. But from the great length of time and old age he cannot come too any precise dates; but deposeth and saith that he was the son of a widow woman living near to Charleston South Carolina and about the time that Declaration of Independence was made he was, he thinks, 25 years of age or thereabouts and at that time called out as a militia man to guard Charleston under the officers of the Town, whose names he cannot recollect, further than to say that he did guard the town as a private Soldier 2 months, July & August for he recollects that it was very warm & sickly. At the end of his 2 months tower [tour] he was relieved and went from Charleston to Stono where he remained some year on business of a private nature: until he thinks in the year 1779 when he volunteered as a private in a company of 60 men who was under the command of Colonel Skerain and Captain Davis but Skirain remaining at home Captain Davis had the command: and the troop he volunteered in being horseman was immediately ordered out to watch the movements of the enemy & Tories: he was then marched under the command of Daviess up the country and back again through different Districts but never had any particular engagement until they met a company of Tories at Juniper Springs where they defeated the Tories, with a considerable loss, and still continued in this service, until getting down about the Congaree River. They found themselves completely surrounded in a long cane by Tarleton's troop at one man and a body of Tories at the other, and immediately a charge was made being about 150 of the enemy and about 60 of the Declarant's party. They was over powered 30 out of the 60 was left dead on the ground and every remaining one he thinks was wounded he himself received a severe wound of a sword in the left arm which he feels to this day and is yet visible and at the same time was taken prisoner, and one other man by the name of John Potts: his Captain and other officers all being killed and the most of the wounded died of their wounds this declarant and his friend Potts was then sent to Camden as prisoners which he thinks was in the

¹ THIS MAY BE, William Sentell, Senter, Center FPA R9382 whose widow filed for her pension in Henderson County, NC and who died in (according to his widow) May 7, 1835.

month of June 1784 he recollects that the corn in the field was for a well grown up and he then had been in service about one year from the best recollection, the enemy was then shortly after compelled to leave Camden: he then was carried as a prisoner to Stono, in a small Island and then to Savannah, where they wintered and then to Haddrell's Point and about the time he had been one year a prisoner he and his friend made their escape from Haddrell's Point and went immediately to Georgetown which he thinks was in the month of June 1781. This declarant then went down and done no more service making in all the time in service and a prisoner 2 years and 2 months a private soldier:

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever, to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state to his knowledge:

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court

S/John Miller, Clerk

By S/ N. W. Woodfin, DC

S/ John Rosson

[John Reynolds, a clergyman, and George W. Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer 12th of July 1751

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

None but my mother's information, and then my own recollection.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

First as stated in the Declaration then 12 years in Georgia and since in Buncombe

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

First a Militia man, Then Volunteered:

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I cannot recollect the names of any of the Officers when first in Charleston, being only called out among others to serve my Tower: and from the circumstances of merely being Garrison I never became much acquainted with the officers who had the command I then volunteered under Captain Davis as stated I recollect very well that when in Charleston by the enemy was lying with their vessels in sight of town:

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I never received a discharge

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Here is persons present, who will certify, as to their belief; but as to proving my actual service I have no opportunity excepting by my own oath: