

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rowan R9038

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The United States of America State of North Carolina

John Rowan of the County of Warren & District aforesaid, appeared before me, Henry Potter District Judge of the United States for the District aforesaid, this first day of April 1818 and made oath, That end or about the month of March in the year 1776 as well as deponent recollects, he enlisted as a soldier for nine months to serve in the war of the revolution on the Continental establishment, in the North Carolina line under Captain George Davidson of the first Regiment -- that he the deponent served as a soldier aforesaid in said company the full term of nine months from the said time of enlistment & was then regularly discharged and that the service in which he was so engaged was against the common enemy.

Deponent further declares & says that soon after the end of his service aforesaid, & some time he thinks in the spring of the year, 1777, Colonel Thomas Polk then a Colonel in the Continental line aforesaid, gave to him the deponent a Commission of Lieutenant, under Captain William Timple Cole [sic, William Temple Cole] of the line aforesaid, in the war aforesaid, under which said Commission, deponent served & commanded for the space of nearly two years, (deponent thinks more than twenty-one months) except that forepart of the time he was sick & permitted by said Colonel Polk to retire to Salisbury for his health & also to recruit soldiers, & that his absence from the line did not exceed twelve months -- that he the deponent while at Salisbury as aforesaid was engaged in the recruiting Service -- that he obtained his Commission at Charleston in South Carolina & that the said Colonel Thomas Polk was the commanding officer of the North Carolina line on that station at that time.

Declared & sworn to before me at Raleigh the first of April 1818

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

S/ John Rowan

I do certify that George Davidson late of Iredell County in the State aforesaid was appointed by the Legislature a Captain in the Continental line of the said State in the first Regiment; that he enlisted a company and joined his Regiment at Wilmington in the year 1776 and I have much good reason to believe that John Rowan now of Warren County was a private in said Davidson's Company & served the full term of his enlistment.

Given under my hand at Raleigh April 1, 1818

S/ Will Polk

United States North Carolina District

Colonel William Polk maketh oath that the facts as set forth by him with him are true as stated to the best of his knowledge & believe.

Sworn to before me at Raleigh the first April 1818

S/ Will Polk

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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Schedule

District of North Carolina Franklin County: June Sessions 1820

On this 14th day of June 1820 personally appeared, in open court, being a court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Franklin, and a court of record, John Rowan aged 67 years resident in said County of rank of in the District of North Carolina aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz. In the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk, and as Lieutenant under Captain William T. Cole having received a pension under certificate No. 119. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed -- viz.

100 acres land, value	\$150
one mare and colt	<u>30</u>
	180

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the wheels of an old wagon	5
3 sows & pigs	10
7 flag bottom chairs	1.75
one trunk & 2 old tables	5.00
	191.75
one old Negro woman named Giley	
aged 60 years	chargeable
a crippled negro man named Dempsey	<u>chargeable-100</u>
	\$291.75

The said John Rowan is a Taylor [sic, tailor] by trade but not able to work at it, has a wife named Elizabeth age 65 years and unable to render any assistance and is indebted as he believes in a son between 5 and \$600.

The 100 acres of land mentioned in the above schedule I purchased since the pension was allowed me, hoping, with the aid of the money arising from the pension to pay for it.

S/ John Rowan

Sworn to, and declared, on the 14th of June 1820 in open Court.

S/ Smith Patterson, Clerk

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State of North Carolina Franklin County

Superior Court of Law being a Court of record possessing the incidents of fine and imprisonment April Term A.D. 1823 --

On this day being the 9th Day of April in the year of our Lord 1823 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record having the power of fine and imprisonment for the State

of North Carolina and County of Franklin John Rowan aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of the 18th March 1818, the first May 1820 and the first March 1823. That he the said John Rowan enlisted for the term of 9 months on the first day of October in the year 1775 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain George Davis in the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Moore in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the Corps until the month of September 1776, when he was discharged from said service in the State of North Carolina, when I was discharged I went with Colonel Thomas Polk to Charleston a cadet, and there was a vacancy offered, and he made the Lieutenant in Captain William Temple Cole's Company in the 4th Regiment which Colonel Polk was Colonel for 12 months, at which time I was taken sick at Wilmington, & lived there with orders if I got better to go to Salisbury and recruit men, which I did until our Major William Lee Davidson came from the North, General of militia & took me with him as Brigade Major. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit, 100 acres of land, situated in the County of Franklin upon Lyons Creek, value \$200, one wagon, one mare & colt, one old Negro woman aged upwards of 60, one Negro man a cripple aged 40 years -- one table, one trunk, 7 flag bottom chairs, that since the execution of my first schedule, the following changes have been made in my property -- my property now consists of one mare & colt, one table, one trunk, 6 flag bottom that chairs, 2 cows & calves -- This declarant saith further on oath that he is a Taylor [sic] by trade, but unable to pursue his trade, on the account of his site failing him. The number of his family residing with him, wife Elizabeth age 62 years, unable to contribute anything to her support, one Negro woman (Gilly), 60 years of age unable to contribute anything on support -- man Dempsey aged 40 years, of little or no value; but land given in the first schedule is sold to pay this declarant's debts on the 10th September 1822 by Captain William Bonlingham [?] for \$100. The wagons sold to Joseph Carruthers [?] on the first March 1822 for 6 barrels corn and one hundred weight of bacon.

S/ John Rowan

[fn p. 10: on February 28, 1843 in Warren County North Carolina, Elizabeth Rowan, a resident of Franklin County aged 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Rowan, who was a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line and a pensioner at the rate of \$240 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married John Rowan on February one 1775; that her husband died July 27 1825; and that she has remained his widow.]

[fn p. 12: copy of a marriage bond issued to John Rowan and William Smith to secure the marriage of John Rowan to Elizabeth Streeter. The bond is dated February one 1775 and issued in Bute County North Carolina.]

[fn p.8: on August 27, 1855 in Warren County North Carolina, Edward Nunnery, next of kin and only heir at law of Elizabeth Rowan deceased filed a claim stating that Elizabeth Rowan was the widow of John Rowan, a revolutionary pensioner of the County of Franklin North Carolina at the rate of \$20 per month; that John Rowan was placed on the pension roll under the 1818 act; that John Rowan died July 27, 1825 survived by Elizabeth Rowan, his widow; that Elizabeth Rowan died September 20, 1850; that Elizabeth Rowan did not remarry after the death of her husband, John Rowan.]