

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Person Rackley R9062

Margaret fn22NC

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State of North Carolina Nash County

On this 22nd day of December 1847 personally appeared before me William H. Abernathy an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Margaret Rackley, a resident of said County and State aged eighty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows;" also the act granting one year's pension to certain widows passed 3rd of March 1843, and the act of the 17th of June 1844, continuing the pensions of certain widows.

That she is the widow of Person Rackley, who was a Private Soldier of the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution, that he entered the Service of the United States in said War, sometime in the year 1779 as well as she recollects -- what her husband the said Person Rackley told her about his services; That he was first drafted for a tour of 3 months while a resident of Franklin County North Carolina, as she has understood from her said husband and fully believes, and that he served out the same in the North Carolina Militia under General Ash [sic, John Ashe]; but the name of the Captain under whom he served his first tour she cannot recollect. That after his first term of service expired, he was hired as a substitute, by a man who was drafted to go into the service, and that he served as a substitute as many as 3 tours of 3 months each, if not more, 4 different persons who had been drafted to go into service; and after serving as above stated, he was drafted again, for another tour of 3 months, and served out the same under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] (as she understood from her husband the said Person Rackley and fully believes) the names of the other officers under whom her husband the said Person Rackley served, she does not recollect. -- She further declares that she was lawfully married to the said Person Rackley sometime in the year 1783, & shortly after he came out of the service, in the said County of Nash, by old Nathaniel Bodie [sic, Nathaniel Boddie] Esquire of said County. That she was not married to her husband the said Person Rackley prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated. That her husband the aforesaid Person Rackley departed this life sometime in the month of December 1812, and that she has remained his widow ever since that period. She further declares that she has in her possession, her husband's old family Bible which contained the ages of all her children, but belief that contained the ages of her children has been cut out of said Bible by some person she knows not to, nor does she know where it is; but she believes it was taken out by a gentleman who came to see her some 3 or 4 years back, for the purpose of trying to get a pension for her; said leaf containing the ages of her children will show

conclusively the date of her marriage to the said Person Rackley is she can ever get in possession of it again. That she is now quite worn out from old age, nearly blind and penniless, and her children all to court to support her, and if she cannot obtain the pension that is due her for the services of her husband the aforesaid, in the War aforesaid, she must shortly become a public charge on the County and have to go to the poor house for support.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ W. H. Abernathy, JP

S/ Margaret Rackley, X her mark

State of North Carolina Nash County

Personally appeared before me G W Hammond one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Matthew Rackley (aged 91 years) who makes oath that he is the brother of Parson Rackley & that himself & brother Parson resided with their Father Parsons Rackley & the rest of his family in the Western part of the State in the South Fork of the Catawba River & when living there his Brother Parson Rackley enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War & served both in this State and South Carolina till peace was declared. He then returned home & shortly afterward my Father & Family together with myself & Brother Parson Rackley moved from the South Fork to Franklin County of this State and after remaining there a few years, they all moved to this County where there Brother Parson married his wife Margaret. They lived together many years raising a large Family of children, his wife still survives him -- at his death, his landed & personal estate were divided among his representatives she sharing alike with the children my brother Parson Rackley & wife Margaret lived within 4 miles of my present residence from the time of their marriage till his death where she now resides near by.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ G. W. Hammond, JP

S/ Matthew Rackley, X his mark

[fn p. 15: certificate dated February 25, 1851 from the North Carolina Comptroller general stating that he had searched the records in his office diligently and not found the name of Person Rackley or Ratley.]

[fn p. 20: on December 22, 1847 in Nash County North Carolina Milly Turner, widow of William Turner,¹ gave an affidavit in support of Margaret Rackley's application. Milly Turner states that her husband said he served 2 tours of 3 months each with Person Rackley and that they served under General Greene.]

[In February 1848 in Nash County, NC, Daniel Batchelor, 77, and Mrs. Mourning Holland, 79, gave affidavits in support of the widow's application stating that they were aware of the reputation of Person Rackley as a soldier in the revolution and the fact of at Person and Margaret lived together as man and wife.]

¹ [William Turner W4089](#)