

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew Pitman (Pittman) Rnc1¹ Keziah Pitman (Pittman) f9NC
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[Cover sheet Note:

"See this woman's claim as former widow of her other husband, Benjamin Rodden, Va., R8272"]

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared before me George C. Cathy an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina authorized by law to administer oaths Lewis Roddon [this name is variously spelled throughout these documents, I've elected to use Rodden since that appears to be the way Gabriel Rodden signed his name] and after being duly sworn according to law declareth that he was born in Essex County in the State of Virginia on the Rappahannock River and that Captain Benjamin Rodden was his half-brother and that he Lewis Rodden is now 82 years old and distinctly recollects to have heard Benjamin Rodden say that he was in the Revolutionary War for 2 or 3 years part of the time a Captain & the other part a Commissary of Issues that while he remained in Essex County State of Virginia he always heard his half-brother Benjamin Rodden called Captain and heard him say he was in service in or near Cannady and that he was at Gloucester Virginia when Cornwallis surrendered all the time he was in service was in the troops from Virginia State he further declares that his half-brother married Kisiah Williamson and raised a large family of children of whom two as he believes are now living (viz.) Gabriel Rodden and Judy Hanks that his brother Benjamin Rodden left Virginia and moved to Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina about 1788 or 1789 that his brother died some 50 years ago & left a widow who afterwards married a Revolutionary Soldier by the name of Mathew Pitman that as he believes she died 2 or 3 years ago and he is certain that Gabriel Rodden is the son of the said Captain Benjamin Rodden and his wife Kisiah Rodden (alias) Pittman and he further declares that his brother Benjamin Rodden frequently showed him his sword or cutlass that he carried in the war and also a bayonet that he used in said war to show when they Benjamin Rodden & Kisiah Williamson were married he declares that he heard the said Kisiah say when the British invaded the State of Virginia that she picked up her 2 children and put out to a place of safety he also states that he had 2 other half brothers who served in said war but believes not in the same Regiment with Benjamin Rodden.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 18th day of February 1856

S/ G. C. Cathey, JP

S/ Lewis Rodden, X his mark

¹ This file is only designated "R" in the National Archives files. I've assigned it the designation Rnc1 for purposes of inclusion in this database.

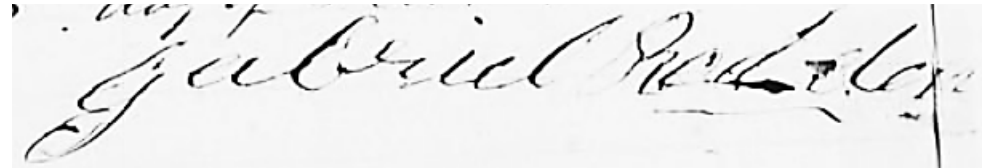
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State of North Carolina County of Mecklenburg

Personally appeared before me George C. Cathy an acting Captain justice of the peace duly authorized by law to administer oaths in and for the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina Gabriel Rodden who after being sworn according to law makes the following declaration that he is the son of Kisiah Pittman who was married to a revolutionary soldier by the name of Mathew Pittman who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war that said Mathew Pittman and his wife Kisiah were married about __years ago that has frequently heard said Mathew Pittman say he was in said war 2 or 3 years and at the battle at Guilford Court House he said he was wounded and left for dead his general officer was General Greene. Said Gabriel Rodden declares that he examined said wounds that they were severe and one on the back of his head was such that it would have hid a boys arm where the wound was he had several cuts which were severe said Mathew Pittman died about 35 or 40 years ago and left his wife Kisiah a widow who died 25th day of October 1853 in the State of Alabama having moved from Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina some years since said Gabriel Rodden is now & has been for 50 years or more a resident of Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina. He Gabriel Rodden makes this declaration that he may obtain what was due his mother at her death from the department. Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of February 1856

S/ G. C. Cathey, JP

S/ Gabriel Rodden

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabriel Rodden". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared before me George C. Cathy an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina authorized by law to administer oaths Gabriel Rodden a highly respectable Citizen of our County and after being duly sworn according to law declareth that he is about 60 years old and that he was as he believes the son of Captain Benjamin Rodden and Kisiah Robeson who he is informed was married in or about 1776 that he and a sister Judy Hanks are the only surviving children of said Benjamin and Kisiah wrote and that his Father Benjamin Rodden as he believes was at one time a Captain in the Revolutionary war and was also a commissary for some time in said war and as he has been informed was in commission for the greater part of the war he recollects to hear his Father say that he was in the expedition and or near Canady & also that he was in the Virginia Army at Gloucester at the time of Cornwallis's surrender he declares further that his Father died a number of years ago that his mother married afterwards a man Matthew Pittman a revolutionary soldier. Pittman died about 30 years ago and his widow Kisiah survived him until 25th day of October 1853 said Kisiah before her marriage being the widow of my father Benjamin Rodden. He further declares that his Father and Mother were married in Essex County Virginia and that his Father served all the time he did serve in the troops of the State of Virginia. He Gabriel Rodden further declares that some time ago he applied to William Davidson Esquire to assist him in getting what was his mother's due from the department but disagreeing about fees it was not done and he now makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining from the department what was due the said Isaiah

Rodden (alias) Keziah Pittman at her death. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of
February 1856
S/ G. C. Cathey, JP

S/ Gabriel Rodden