

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Right Rice S11292

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The State of Alabama Wilcox County

On this twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John W. Bridges presiding Judge of the County Court of said County of Wilcox now sitting in said County of Wilcox Right Rice a resident of said County and State aged seventy-four 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 the 7th day of June in the year of our Lord 1832, that he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. Colonel Richardson [Richard Richardson], Colonel Martin, Cashaw [sic, Joseph Kershaw], Colonel Goodin [Robert Goodwyn], Colonel Taylor [Thomas Taylor], Captain Howell [William Howell] Lieutenant Joel Threewits, James Craig the names of the other officers he does not at this late period recollect all of them. That he entered the services of the United States as a Drafted man by the regulations of which draftsmen alternated in relieving each other. That he first marched to the Snowy Camps¹ the date of which he does not recollect. That he was in service of the United States during all the revolutionary war or nearly so but was not all the time in actual service. That he believes he was in service between 2 and 3 years under first one and then the other of the above named officers at the times he entered the services he resided in Richland District in South Carolina in which State all his services were performed save some on the Indian frontiers. That he was in the Stono Battle [June 20, 1779]² and the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781].³ That he was under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the Battle of Stono⁴ and the Eutaws. That he did not serve with any of the Continental Regiments. That he was acquainted with General Winn. He feels himself unable to state further particulars which he conceives would be of any service to him and the investigation of his claim -- as many of the incidents connected with his toils and sufferings have in the lapse of time measurably faded from his memory. 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 or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of South Carolina.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid

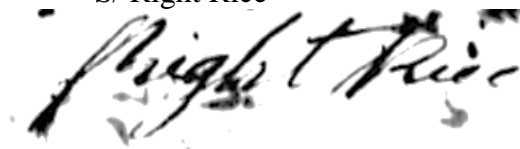
¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁴ Benjamin Lincoln, not Nathanael Greene, commanded the Continental forces at the battle of Stono Ferry

S/ Right Rice



[Solomon Perkins, a minister of the gospel, and Abijah Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following all the interrogatories propounded by the court and the answers thereunto by petitioner.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Dobbs County North Carolina now understand called Johnson [sic, Johnston] County in the year while Lord 1758.

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

I have a transcript taken from my father's Bible which I now have in my possession

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

I lived in Richland District South Carolina when called into service and during my services. I moved from thence to Barnwell District South Carolina, from thence to Clark County in the State of Alabama from thence to Greene County in the State of Mississippi, from thence to Clark County in the State of Alabama, from thence to Monroe County in Alabama and from Monroe County I removed to Wilcox County in the State [of] Alabama where I now live.

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

I was drafted

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.

Colonel Richardson, Colonel Martin, Colonel Kershaw -- I do not recollect the grades of any of the Regiments either Continental or militia the circumstances of my services are stated in my declaration

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

The first discharge I received was from Colonel Kirkland [Lt. Col. Joseph Kirkland] the 2nd from Colonel Robert Goodin [sic, Robert Goodwyn] which got burned with all the rest of my goods &c.

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.

James Battle, Aaron Livingston, Randall doth worth, James A. Butler, Jonathan Brantly, and Joshua Stone, Solomon Poitkins [sic, Solomon Perkins] and Abejah Miller [sic, Abijah Miller]

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State of Alabama Wilcox County

This is an Amended Declaration to one heretofore made on the twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June A.D. 1832.

On this the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1834, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John W. Bridges Judge of the County Court of said County of Wilcox Right Rice a resident citizen of said County and State aged now seventy-six 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 the 7th day of June A.D. 1832, that he entered the services of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated viz. Colonel Richardson, Colonel Martin, Colonel Cashaw or Kershaw, Colonel Kirkland, Colonel Goodwin, Colonel Taylor, Captain Howell, Captain Craig and Lieutenant Threewits [probably Joel Threewits] -- The tours and campaigns which he now distinctly recollects are as follows i.e., That as a draftsman in the revolutionary war he entered into service under Colonel Richardson at which time he lived in South Carolina Richland District where he lived till the close of the revolution that after entering into service as aforesaid under Colonel Richardson he was transferred from Colonel Richardson who retired from service to Colonel Martin from Colonel Martin was transferred to Kershaw under the above named officer he served 6 weeks after which tour he volunteered under Colonel Kirkland under whom he served 6 weeks in pursuit of the Indians who were at that time invading the country. That he was afterwards drafted and served under Colonel Goodin for the term of 4 weeks. That he afterwards volunteered under Colonel Goodin the company or Regiment was commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] under whom he served 4 weeks at that time. That he was afterwards drafted & served under Colonel Goodin 6 weeks -- subsequently he was drafted and served under Colonel Taylor 6 weeks. That he was afterwards selected [?] [word obliterated] served under Colonel Taylor 10 days in taking Congaree Fort [Ft. Granby, May 14, 1781].⁵ That he was afterwards drafted & served 5 weeks under Colonel Taylor again drafted & served 3 weeks under Colonel Taylor & again drafted & served under Colonel Taylor commanded by General Greene 3 weeks at the time of the Eutaw Battle [Eutaw Springs] again drafted & served under Colonel Taylor 3 weeks at the time of the burning of White Church below the Eutaw Springs making in all 11 months 2 weeks and 10 days. That during his tour of service aforesaid he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. The above mentioned tours he distinctly recollects. That all his services were performed in the State of South Carolina except the excursion above stated under Colonel Kirkland -- he was not in actual engagement or battle. That he did not serve in any of the Continental regiments. That he was particularly acquainted with General Winn. That he cannot at this late period specify any other tours which he served and the names of the commanding officers. That he feels himself unable to state further particulars which he conceives would be of any benefit to him in the investigation of his claim as many of the incidents connected with the same have faded from his memory he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 (or if any) only on that of the agency of the State of South Carolina. Sworn and subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Right Rice

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Right Rice". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Right Rice".

The following all the interrogatories propounded by the Court and the answers thereunto by the

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

petitioner.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Anr: I was born in Dobbs County North Carolina now I understand called Johnson [sic, Johnston] or Greene in the year of our Lord 1758.

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

An: I have no record of my age except a memorandum taken from my father's Bible which was once in my possession but was burnt when my house was consumed by fire.

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

Ans: I lived in Richland District South Carolina when called into service and during my services. I moved from thence to Barnwell District South Carolina from thence to Clark County in the State of Alabama; from thence to Greene County in the State of Mississippi -- from thence to Clark County in the State of Alabama from thence to Monroe County in the State of Alabama and from thence I removed to Wilcox County in the State of Alabama where I have resided ever since and now live.

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

Anrs: I was drafted except as stated in my declaration. I was not a substitute at any time

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.

Ans: I cannot state anything more than I have mentioned in my declaration to which reference is made to this interrogatory

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

Ans: I received only 2 discharges which were when I volunteered one from Colonel Kirkland & the other from Colonel Goodwin -- which were burnt when my house & all I had got burnt.

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.

Ans: James Battle, Aaron Livingston, Randall Dickinson, James A. Butler, Johnson Brantley, Joshua Stone and the said court -- do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter; and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states and the court further certifies that it appears to them that Elijah Gilmore, a clergyman and that Joel E. Cannon who has also signed the same is a resident in the County of Wilcox aforesaid & is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

S/ J. W. Bridges, Judge

[Elijah Gilmore, a clergyman, and Joel E. Cannon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Wilcox County

This is an amendment to a declaration heretofore made on the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1834 which declaration was an amendment of a declaration made previously thereto on the 28th day of January in the year of our Lord 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June A.D. 1832.

On this the 15th day of December in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John W. Bridges Judge of the County Court of said County of Wilcox Right Rice a resident citizen of said County and State aged now seventy-six 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 the 7th day of June A.D. 1832, that every item relative to the services rendered by him during the Revolutionary war are specified with as much accuracy as his memory serves him with, in the annexed declaration to which this is an amendment. He is unable to supply the particular dates at which he entered the Service or left it. He is also unable to state the duration of the different tours of servitude with more accuracy than they are stated in the aforesaid declaration to which this is amendatory.

That he feels himself unable to state any further particulars that he thinks would be of any benefit to him in the investigation of his claim as many of the incidents connected with the same have faded from his memory -- he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 (or if any) only on that of the agency of the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Right Rice

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]