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Pension Application of Jesse Rice S11300

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State of Virginia

Campbell County to Wit:

On this the 3<sup>d</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Paulett Clark a justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Jesse Rice a resident of said County aged seventy five years to the best of his information 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 (viz) That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That he first entered the service as a private soldier in the militia of Virginia from Hanover County under Capt. Bullock, and joined the army at Williamsburg commanded by General [Charles] Scott, and after General Scott went to Charlestown, we were commanded by Capt Bullock for one month; and then the British went off and we were discharged. The precise time that I served this tour I do not recollect, but I believe it was in the summer of 1778 [see endnote]. My next tour I started from Hanover County in the month of January 1779 under the command of Capt. Winston and marched to Cabbin Point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] and then joined the regiment commanded by Col. [William] Dandridge, and after staying there one month we were discharged. I was then called out in the Militia and started from Hanover the first of April 1779 [sic: see endnote] under Capt [Thomas] Doswell. We then went to guard the prisoners from Williamsburg jail to Richmond jail. We then marched to Sandy Point. We then marched from there and joined General Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] in Chesterfield. We then marched to Richmond and joined General Lafayette. We then marched to Fourmile Creek – there the General picked three hundred chosen men and marched all night with four field pieces to Petersburg where the enemy were encamped We commenced firing [10 May 1781] and continued firing across the river for three or four hours and then retreated with a forced march back to where we started from. we were then discharged after serving two months. After this I was called out in Sept. 1781 to go to the siege of York under Capt Tompson [probably John Thompson] and continued there till the enemy surrendered [19 Oct 1781] and guarded the prisoners to Fredericksburg and there I was discharged after serving two months. I never had a written discharge. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and do declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Jesse hisXmark Rice

Questions to Jesse Rice

Ques. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the upper end of Hanover County but the year I do not recollect.

Que. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. My age is recorded in a bible in Hanover County with my relations

Question Where were you living when called into service?

Ans. I was living in Hanover County

Que. How were you called into service – were you drafted – Did you volunteer or were you substituted?

Ans. I was called as a militiaman.

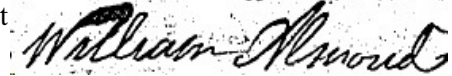
State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served

General Lafayette, and Majr Declumon [sic: Christian Charles De Klauman VAS827], and belonged to the Maryland troops

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood where you are now living and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

(Named) Samuel Armistead Clergyman and Dr Robert Smith

I William Almond [pension application S2031] do hereby certify that I served with Jesse Rice in the Virginia Militia for some considerable time, but do not recollect the precise length of time. I am well acquainted with with him and believe his declaration to be correct.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Almond". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[On 8 Dec 1832 Rice stated the following in support of William Almond's application:]

I Paulett Clark do hereby Certify that Jesse Rice made oath before me this day that he knew William Almond in the army of the U.S. & that he acted as orderly Serjeant under Capt. Thos. Doswell who sent him with about Ten Men to watch Arnold [Gen. Benedict Arnold, Jan 1781] who was expected up James River of which I was appointed as one

NOTES:

Gen. Charles Scott went to Charleston SC in late spring 1776. Lord Dunmore fled Virginia on 7 Aug 1776.

Gen. Muhlenberg arrived to take command in Virginia in March 1780. Gen. Lafayette arrived in March 1781.

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