

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Rhodes¹ S1324

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United States Ohio district: SS

I C. W. Byrd Judge of the District Court of the United States of America for the Ohio district, by authority of the act of Congress, passed the 25th day of April, 1812, entitled "An Act to revive and continue in force an Act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary War, and for other purposes,"

Do hereby especially authorized and commission Alexander McBeth of the County of Champaign of the District of Ohio to take all the evidence pursuant to the rules and regulations of the said act for substantiating the claim of William Rhodes of the town of ___ in the County of Champaign and district of Ohio to be placed on the Pension List of the United States by reason of known wounds received in said war, or since, (as prescribed in the 4th section of "an Act concerning invalid pensioners," passed the 25th of April, 1808,) – while in the actual service of the United States, and in the line of his duty. And when the same shall be completed, to return the evidence, affidavits, certificates and proceedings had hereupon, together with this commission, to the Secretary of the Department of war.

Given under my hand and seal at Chilicothe the 5th of August in the year 1814

S/ C. W. Byrd

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Ohio Act 30th June 1816 William Rhodes Corporal Captain Alexander Parker's Company
Virginia Line in the Revolutionary War

Degree of disability Certify – one half

Date of closing Testimony November 3, 1814

half pension allowed commencing 3rd November 1814

Certificate of pension issued the 28 March, 1817, and sent to William Hand, agent, Zanesville, Ohio

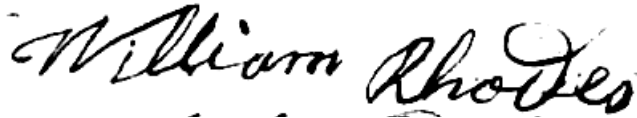
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State of Ohio Champaign County: Before me the Subscriber, duly commissioned, by the Honorable Judge Bird [sic] of the United States Circuit Court, holden in Chilicothe for the District of Ohio, personally appeared, William Rhodes, and made oath to the truth of the following facts, to wit, that at the Close of the Revolutionary War (in which he served in the Capacity & Office first of a Corporal & next and lastly as a Sergeant for near eight years) he

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being left sick in South Carolina when the Army to which he belonged was dispersed – On his return to Virginia his native state by the instruction of one of his officers, he repaired to Richmond in said State, and received his Discharge from General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. And then supposed that he had been placed on the list of Pensioners, on account of wounds he had received in the aforesaid service and that shortly afterwards he removed to the Western country and continued there some considerable time under the impression that his pension was due you him, but on his traveling to the City of Washington, and making Application there, found that there had not been the provision made for him he had expected, and either through misinformation or not following the proper Directions, he has never got procured a pension, nor has he been placed on the pension list of any State to his knowledge, nor has he been placed on the pension list of any State to his knowledge, nor received any money or other restitution on account of the wounds received in the Service aforesaid. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 3rd of November 1814

S/ William Rhodes



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I do certify that I have examined the wounds of William Rhoads [sic] and do believe that said Rhoads to be justly entitled to the benefit of the several acts of Congress passed for Soldiers disabled during the revolutionary War by reason of a ball having passed through his left shoulder and his left hand having been likewise crippled by another ball has prevented him from acquiring that support for himself and family which otherwise he might have acquired.

November 3rd, 1814

S/ James Davidson

[Alexander McBeth certified that James Davidson who examined William Rhoads is a reputable physician and that full faith and credit ought to be given to his testimony.]

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Whereas William Rhodes of the County of Champaign & State of Ohio an applicant to the general Government for a pension did employ me to examine and report to the Honorable the Secretary of War, the degree of disability occasioned by the different wounds which he the said William did receive when performing the duties of a Soldier in the American revolutionary War.

I do hereby certify that upon examination I do find several wounds on the Body of the aforesaid William Rhodes, one of which by the penetration of a Ball near his left shoulder injured the shoulder joint and fractured the upper end of the Os Humere, And by the penetration of another Ball in his left hand the Metacarpal Bones and Tendons were much injured which has occasioned a permanent contraction of the hand and an enervation of the arm. The other wounds having been received by the Bayonet in the abdomen are less injurious. Upon the whole, I do believe that by reason of these wounds the aforesaid William Rhodes is rendered incapable of performing more at the than half manual labor, and I am of the Opinion he is accordingly justly entitled to a pension.

Given under my hand at Urbana the 22nd of September 1815

S/ Joseph S Carter

[Alex McBeth certifies that he is acquainted with Doctor Joseph S Carter and that "his character is eminent as a Surgeon and physician."]

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I do Certify that William Rhodes served, as a Corporal, in Captain Alexander Parker's Company of Infantry in the year 1781 and 1782 and until disbanded in the year 1783 – That, in the State of Georgia, he was severely wounded, by the Indians and Tories, who attacked our camp in the night time; and, I do believe, the wound he then received, has afflicted him ever since, and, in measure, prevented him from acquiring that Support for himself, and family which otherwise he might have acquired. – Further I do believe him justly entitled to the benefit of the Several Acts of Congress passed for soldiers disabled during the revolutionary War. Witness my hand this 6th day of September 1814

Before me the Subscriber, duly commissioned, Authorized and appointed by the honorable Judge Bird [sic], of the United States Circuit Court, Holden in Chillicothe for the district of Ohio, personally appeared Samuel Finley,² a Major in the late revolutionary Army; and being duly qualified, as the law directs, depose and saith that the above named William Rhodes was a Soldier in a detachment of the Virginia line of which this deponent was Major, and for the greatest part of the year 1782, and until the conclusion of the War, sole Commandant, and that the above Statement, relative to said William, is, to the best of his knowledge, correct and true. He further certifies that the said Corporal Rhodes was a good Soldier and served his Country faithfully.

Sworn to and subscribed this 6th day of September 1814 before me
S/ Alexander McBeth

S/ Sam Finley, late Major
in the Virg^a Line and [paper damaged]

*Sam Finley, late Major
in the Virginia Line*

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William Rhodes age seventy-three years depose and saith, that sometime about the first of September in the year of our Lord 1775 he enlisted as a private Soldier in the first Company of the Regular troops in the second Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops said company at the time of this deponent's enlistment was commanded by Captain George Johnson, and said Regiment by Colonel William Woolford [William Woodford] – this deponent enlisted as aforesaid for the term of one year, and served as a private soldier in said Company during the full space of said year – This deponent was regularly discharged at the end of said year, and immediately enlisted into the same Company again, then commanded by Thomas Tibbs, for three years – This deponent served as a private soldier in said Company under said Captain Tibbs about 6 months when said Captain Tibbs died and Captain Peyton Harrison [John Peyton Harrison] succeeded to the command of said Company, and this declarant served as a private soldier under said Captain Harrison in said Company in the Continental service for two years or upwards – This deponent then enlisted into the same Company under the command of Captain Harrison aforesaid, during the war – This deponent performed his duty as a private soldier in the aforesaid Company to the command of which Captain Thomas Catlett afterwards succeeded and was killed³, and in the company was commanded by Captain Alexander Parker, till the close of the Revolutionary War, and this deponent was discharged from the said company at Richmond in Virginia at the close of the war aforesaid – The Regiment to which said company then belonged was commanded by Colonel Posey –

² FPA W10026

³ Captain Thomas Catlett was killed May 29 1780 at the battle of that Waxhaws otherwise known as Buford's defeat.

All the discharges which this deponent received as a soldier in the war aforesaid have been lost by accident or destroyed by time. This Deponent has been a citizen of the United States ever since the Revolution and is now a resident citizen of the County of Champaign in the State of Ohio – This deponent being far removed from the place of his nativity, is unable to produce any further evidence of his services aforesaid, than his own affidavit and the affidavit of James Hopkins⁴ herewith enclosed – This deponent now claims a pension of \$45 which he received while a soldier in the Revolutionary war – This deponent is in reduced and indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support.
Subscribed and sworn to this 15th of April 1818

S/ William Rhodes



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The State of Ohio Champaign County Supreme Court of the term of July 1820

On this 20th day of July 1820 personally appeared in Open Court Wm Rhodes aged seventy-five years resident in the County of Champaign aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows (to wit) He enlisted in the Army of the United States for the term of one year at Alexandria in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain George Johnston belonging to the second Regiment commanded by Colonel William Woodford and that he served out the time of his aforesaid Enlistment so he was honorably discharged from service at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia that he again immediately enlisted in the Army of the United States at Williamsburg aforesaid for the term of during the war then existing between the United States & Great Britain in the company commanded by Captain Peyton Harrison belonging to the second Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood & that he faithfully served out the term of his aforesaid Enlistment when he was honorably discharged from Service at Richmond in the State of Virginia that on the 15th day of April 1818 he made an application in order to obtain a pension under the act of the 18th of March 1818 and has since received a certificate of his being inserted on the Pension list Roll of the Ohio agency which said certificate bears the date of 13th of July 1819 and numbered 13:030

And I the said William Rhodes 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 – and I do further swear that my occupation in life is a laboring farmer and that in consequence of advanced age in life I am unable to work at all and that my family consists of a wife and 3 children one aged 11 years 114 years and one 17 years –

Schedule of Property owned by Wm Rhodes 80 acres of land of the value of \$560, 9 head of hogs \$20, a few articles of house where furniture of the value \$10, 2 horses valued \$30, 5 sheep value \$10, 4 head cattle value \$40, two beds valued \$20 total amount of Property

⁴ FPA S41650

contained in Schedule \$690

Sworn & subscribed in open Court July 20, 1820

S/ William Rhodes

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 15, 1818, for service as a private for the 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]