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Pension application of Jeremiah Rackley S14249 [Nancy] fn49NC
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State of North Carolina Bladen County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1833

On this the 4th day of November 1833 before the Worshipful Justices of the Peace now sitting and holding the Court aforesaid viz., James Cromartie, William Sutton and John McKeithan Esquires personally appeared Jeremiah Rackley a resident of Bladen County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-three years next April 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In a company of Duplin militia under Captain Jonathan Taylor -- __ Fillyrw [?] Lieutenant Ephraim Bowden Ensign -- and joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army at their camp near Cheraw Hills, a short time after the battle at Guilford in the spring of 1781 and served 3 months as a private, that he was drafted; that when he entered this service he resided in Duplin County NC -- that he marched from Cross Creek where he embodied to General Greene's camp where he was detached under Captain McCulloch to Georgetown SC after salt and on his way was taken sick, and remained till his company returned and then went with them to Cheraw, from thence to Cole's Bridge on Drowning Creek, thence to Cross Creek now Fayetteville, thence down into New Hanover County and was discharged; that he has no documentary evidence and can prove that he was in this service by John Fowler.

2ndly In a company of Duplin militia under Captain Shadrach Stallings, Southy Fisher Lieutenant -- in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan in the fall of the year 1781 and served 3 months as a Sergeant that he was a substitute for James Carrell, that he marched from Colonel Kenan's plantation to Halifax NC, having charge of a cart which was laden with ammunition at Halifax with which he returned to Colonel Kenan's, from thence he marched to Wilmington or rather to the vicinity, thence to a place called Clayton's old field, where he remained till the British evacuated Wilmington and marched into Wilmington, thence back to Colonel Kenan's and discharge; that he served with Continental troops under General Greene; that he recollects no regular officers except Joseph Rhodes and Curtis Ivey; that he has no documentary evidence but can prove that he was in this service by John Fowler whose affidavit is annexed.

Answers of aforesaid applicant to the questions propounded to him by the Court aforesaid as prescribed by the War department.

Ans. 1. I was born in Duplin now Sampson County NC in April 1781

Ans. 2. I have a record of my age in a book in Sampson County

Ans. 3. When called into service I was living in Duplin now Sampson NC since the Revolutionary war I have lived in Sampson County for about 22 years, since then I have lived principally in Bladen County NC. I lived a while in SC.

Ans. 4. I refer to my declaration

" 5. I refer to my declaration

" 6. I received 2 discharges in writing one given me by Captain Taylor -- and the other by Captain Shadrach Stallings both which I've lost.

7. My present neighbors knowing nothing of my service cannot give the necessary certificate but I have procured the attendance of John Fowler¹ and Charles Hay who knew me when I lived in Sampson and whose certificate is hereto added.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jeremiah Rackley, X his mark

On the day & year aforesaid before the Court aforesaid personally appeared John Fowler a resident of Columbus County NC aged 85 years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say that he is well acquainted with Jeremiah Rackley the aforesaid applicant knew him in time of the Revolutionary war and saw him in service in the spring of 1781 near the Big Bridge in New Hanover County, under what officers he can't say but understood said applicant was serving a 3 months tour, but not being with him can't say he actually served the whole term. This deponent afterwards to wit in the fall of 1781 saw said applicant in service at Colonel Kenan's place in Duplin now Sampson County and also in Wilmington NC which was also a 3 months tour, and served as a substitute for James Carrell but don't know that he was a Sergeant

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Fowler, X his mark

We John Fowler a resident of Columbus County NC and Charles Hay a resident of the same hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jeremiah Rackley who has sworn to & subscribed the preceding declaration that we believe he will be 73 years of age next April; that he was reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resided in Sampson County NC where we also resided to have been a Revolutionary soldier and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Fowler, X his mark

S/ Charles Hay, X his mark

[fn 8: veteran applied on August 6, 1838 for a transfer of his pension benefit to Lowndes County, Alabama to which he had removed having heard that "the State of Alabama was a fertile Country"]

[veteran was survived by a widow, Nancy or Ann Rackley, who also lived long enough to apply for the reinstatement of her widow's pension after the Revolutionary War when she was living in Alabama. Someone named Edmund Rackley also wrote in 1860 from Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama in behalf of Nancy Rackley, widow of the veteran.]

¹ [John Fowler S16809](#)