

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Randolph Rice S14294

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State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

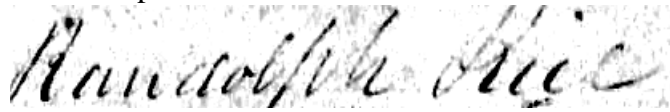
On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Green circuit court, holden for the County and state aforesaid, Randolph Rice a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 70 years on the 4th day of February 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of his country in the American Revolution as a soldier, in the County of Henryco [Henrico] State of Virginia about Christmas 1777, under Captain John Brooks for six months, after the expiration of that time, which he served out, he again enlisted, according to his best recollection for eighteen months longer, and was employed as a soldier during the terms aforesaid guarding a country store, magazine, armory and records in Richmond. There was only a Captain's company engaged as above stated in guarding &c, and he was not there acquainted with any field officers – After some time spent in the command of the company Captain Brooks resigned and his Lieutenant James Price took command of the company. After the time was out, we were discharged, but whether or not I got any written discharge I do not now from the lapse of time recollect. If I obtained a written discharge it has been lost. The company & myself amongst the number was discharged from the service in Richmond Virginia at the expiration of my terms of enlistment – In the year 1780 – he was drafted and served a tour in the Virginia Militia, when Arnold [Benedict Arnold] invaded Virginia during the revolution he served under Captain Michael Johnston [or Michael Johnson], in Colonel John Nicholas' Regiment & served two months or thereabouts. He then lived in Henrico County Virginia and had lived many years before, he was born in Northumberland County Virginia, he was discharged at old Williamsburg Virginia he got no written discharge then that he recollects, the company was discharged by order of the Captain, without giving he thinks any written discharges – General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] was the commander of the Brigade to which Colonel Nicholas' Regiment was attached. In 1781, in the spring of the year, he was drafted as a militia man into the service in the Revolutionary war, and served under Captain Hezekiah Mosby two months, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lindsey under General Lafayette as commander in chief in General Lawson's Brigade and marched to the Siege of York, he took after two months was out the place of a sick man as a volunteer in the same Regiment & company until Colonel Lindsey's term was out, when he (Colonel Lindsey) returned home. The said Rice then served out the balance of two months in Colonel Richeson's [probably Col. Holt Richardson's] Regiment and Captain John Price's company till the siege of York was raised [October 19, 1781], being there the whole time & was discharged by the Captain at York without written discharges as stated before – he knows of but one man by whom he can prove any part of

his services stated above who is Jesse Preyer¹ that lives in this County, who is unable as he believes to get to Court in Greensburgh. There was a gentleman formally a resident of Mercer County Kentucky, who served part of the time with him; but whether he is alive he does not know, he has not heard from him for a considerable time – 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 any agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Randolph Rice



[Elias Barbee and Henry Sanders gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for Green County Kentucky Jesse Preayer Snr. and made oath to the following statement to wit, that he saw all Randolph Rice while said Rice was engaged in the service of the United States as a Soldier under the command of Captain John Brooks at Richmond in the State of Virginia; he does not know how long said Rice served as a soldier under the above named commander, but he knows that said Rice was engaged in the service under said commander for he saw him while he was so engaged –

The said Jesse Preayer Snr. further states that he believes that the said R. Rice served as a soldier in the militia under the command of Captain Michael Johnson he knows that said Rice was absent from his place of residence during the time that Captain Johnson and his Company were out on the tour of duty alluded to, and that the General report and believed in the neighborhood was that said Rice was in the service as a soldier under said commander.

He further states that the said Rice served as a soldier in the militia in Captain Hezekiah Moesby's [sic] Company commanded by Colonel Lindsey, and that he saw said Rice while he was in the service under Captain Moesby he further states, that he believes said Rice served as a soldier in the militia in Captain John Price's Company under the command of Colonel Richeson belonging to General Lassons [Lawson's] Brigade, he knows that said Rice was absent from his place of residence and was generally reputed and believed to have served as above stated, –

The said Preayer further states that all the different periods of service above described, was during the revolutionary war, and performed in the State of Virginia, –

The said Preayer further states that he has partly lost the use of his limbs, that he is afflicted with a giddiness in his head, and that he has not been able to attend court for 12 months passed and that he is now unable to attend Court.

The said Preayer further states that the above is a true statement of his knowledge of the services of R. Rice in the revolutionary war, to the best of his knowledge.

Given under my hand this 13th day of August 1832

S/ David Campbell, JP GC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

¹ Sic, [Jesse Puryear \(Preyor\) S35590](#)