

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rice S16515

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: On this 2 day of October personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Mercer County now sitting the Reverend John Rice of said County and [text obliterated] aged seventy-two 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 late act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 – viz. – I John Rice now in the 72nd year of my age declare that I was born in Prince Edward County and State of Virginia and resided there when the revolutionary War commenced and in the 3rd of August 1779 on my way to Kentucky in Montgomery County Virginia near Chissels mines [Chiswell mines] I enlisted with Captain James Newell and was attached to Thomas Quick's Company of Colonel John Montgomery's Regiment – we rendezvoused at the long Island of Holston [River] and went down it and the Tennessee [River] to the mouth and thence to Kaskaskia which place we reached sometime in May and was stationed there and we marched as far as [indecipherable word]¹ on our way to Detroit but this expedition was abandoned, I enlisted for one-year and faithfully served out my time and was Honorably discharged at Cahokia on the Mississippi [River] at the expiration of my time, while I was stationed at Kaskaskia I was frequently engaged in scouts against the Indians until my time expired in the year 1780. The Regiment I belonged to was called Illinois Regiment and was under the command of Colonel Clarke [George Rogers Clark] when we reached Illinois. After I was discharged I returned through Tennessee and Kentucky to the settlements in Virginia and in the year 1791 I removed to Kentucky and settled in Mercer County where I now reside. I have long since lost my discharge or mislaid it so that I cannot find it. I also hereby relinquish all claim which I have to a pension except the present, and I am not now a Pensioner of the United States or of any State. Witness my hand this 2 day of October 1832.

S/ John Rice



[William Spruill, a clergyman, George Robards & Claiborne Bradshaw gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Wm. J. Smith
George Roberts
Clairborn Bradshaw

State of Kentucky Franklin County: This day Colonel Anthony Crockett² and aged and infirm revolutionary soldier came before me a Justice and Judge of the Franklin County Court and being 1st sworn according to law he makes oath to the following declaration: viz. I Anthony Crockett declare that I was a Lieutenant in Captain Jesse Evans' Company of the Illinois Regiment raised by the State of Virginia under Colonel George R Clarke (afterwards General Clarke) and John Rice was then a soldier and Fifer in said Regiment twelve months which I was at Vincennes in the year 1779. I have seen and conversed with the said Rice lately and I know him to be the same man (he is now the respectable Baptist Preacher in Mercer County Kentucky)]. I have been acquainted with him ever since and consider him a man of veracity in whose statement I would place the utmost confidence. Witness my hand this 16th day of August 1832

S/ A. Crockett



[Attested by Samuel B. Crockett, JP



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private full one-year in the Virginia service.]

² [Anthony Crockett S10492](#)