

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Rice S18179

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[I 1110]

The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the said

State

The Petition of Nathan Rice

Sheweth,

That your petitioner in the Revolutionary War, joined the Army of the United States, commanded by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] that at the Siege of Ninety Six he enlisted for the term of ten months in the Company of Light infantry commanded by Captain William Smith in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Middleton [Charles Starke Myddleton], in the State Troops of South Carolina under the command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] that at the time of his enlistment he was promised a Negro and clothing for his services. That he faithfully served out the term of his enlistment and was regularly discharged, but he has never received the Negro he was promised or any other pay except an Indent which was so depreciated that he could only dispose of it for Ten pounds Sterling which he did,

That his circumstances are very reduced and he is so insolvent as to render the assistance of his country necessary to him,

That he is now about sixty-three years of age, wherefore your petitioner prays your Honorable body to place him on the pension List and allow him a pension for the residue of his Life annual petitioner will ever pray

S/ Nathan Rice, X his mark

[I 1111]

South Carolina Newberry District

Nathan Rice swears that he was serving as a volunteer under General Greene at the Siege of Ninety Six in this State during the Revolutionary War; that being spoken to by Jonathan Jones to enlist in the State Troops of South Carolina, commanded by General Sumter, he left the said Siege and during its continuance Joined the said State Troops and enlisted in the same in the Company of Light Infantry commanded by Captain William Smith and Regiment commanded by Colonel Middleton for the space of ten months, under a promise of receiving a Negro and

¹ This veteran's application does not appear in the Fold3.com files, at least not under the listings for South Carolina. It is possible that it is incorrectly indexed elsewhere on the Fold3.com website. The transcript was made from the version posted on Ancestry.com and the numbers are references to the image numbers posted there.

clothing for his services. That he faithfully served out the term of his enlistment, and was regularly discharged, but that he has never received the Negro he was promised or any other pay except an Indent which was so depreciated that he could only dispose of it for ten pounds Sterling which he did, that his circumstances are very reduced and he is so ~~insolvent~~ involved as to render the assistance of his country necessary to him: That he is upwards of sixty years of age (about sixty-three).

Sworn to before me this 25 February 1826

S/ Marmaduke Coates, Q U.

S/ Nathan Rice, X his mark

[I 1112]

Robert Glasgow swears that he was also in the State Troops of South Carolina during the Revolution, and knew Nathan Rice, That he knows the said Rice was in the state Troops as he has stated above and that he served faithfully therein as he has stated, for the term of his enlistment, That he knows the Nathan Rice who signed the above affidavit to be the same man who served as above stated in the State Troops; and that he is a man of good character and habit and in reduced circumstances as he has stated.

Sworn to before me this 25 February 1826

S/ Marmaduke Coate, Q . U.

S/ Robert Glasgow

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Glasgow". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Glasgow".

[I 1105]

State of South Carolina Newberry District } SS

On this first day of March in the year of our Lord 1836 personally appeared Nathan Rice a resident of the district and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years before Job Johnston one of the Chancellors of this State and the Court of Equity now sitting and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he was born about the first of December 1762, in the now State of North Carolina; and that he removed with his uncle to the now State of South Carolina when he was about eight or ten years old. He has no record of his age, the above statement on this subject is founded on the family tradition. At the time when he first entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution as hereinafter stated he resided in that part of this State now called Spartanburg District. Since the close of the Revolutionary War he has lived constantly in the district of Newberry aforesaid.

That he fell in with General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army when on their way to besiege Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781. He went with them and remained a few days at that place. He then enlisted in the State Troops of South Carolina for the term of ten months. He went shortly afterwards and joined the forces stationed at Brown's Old field near Columbia. He was attached to the Company at that time commanded by Captain Glenn [sic, then Lt. Col. David Glynn], in the Regiment then commanded by Colonel Thomas [John Thomas, Junior]. The

whole of the Troops were under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. There being more officers than were needed, Captain Glenn and Colonel Thomas retired, and that the company to which this deponent was attached was placed under the command of Captain William Smith, and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Middleton [perhaps a reference to Lt. Col. Charles Starke Myddleton]. They remained at Brown's old field until a large body of British forces on their way to relieve the Garrison at Ninety Six approached. Colonel Middleton had been sent off with a detachment to watch the motions of the British. He had a skirmish with them at the Juniper [Jennifer Springs, June 18, 1781] and fell back upon the Main body of the Army. (This deponent was at that time under Colonel Thomas). Upon this the Army retreated to Newberry District, and from thence to Winnsborough in Fairfield, and from thence passing through Camden they went down to a part of the country which he believes is included in the now district of Sumter. From that time until they joined General Greene's Army as hereinafter stated, they remained in that section of the Country -- not stationed at any particular place but going from place to place as occasion required. General Sumter was occasionally absent from the Army at which times, it was commanded by General William Henderson. They joined General Greene's Army at Williams branch on the morning of the battle at the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]. This deponent was not engaged in that battle. He was unwell and was left at Williams branch with the baggage guard. General Henderson was reputed to be wounded in that battle; but this deponent did not see him. The next day after the battle they pursued the British to the 45 mile House (from Charleston). They then marched back towards Orangeburg and came to Brown's Old field. After some time they marched down to Orangeburg and spent a part of the winter Blair. From Orangeburg they went to the Four wholes [sic, Four Holes] where they remained a while. A part of the Army of which this deponent was one, was sent to Governor Bull's plantation for the purpose as it was said of recruiting their horses. After remaining there a while they went to Greenwood, at which place the term of service of this deponent expired and he was dismissed. He received a written discharge but it has been long lost or mislaid.

This deponent therefore says that he was in the service of the United States 10 months during the war of the Revolution.

He refers to copies of the affidavit of Robert Glasgow who is since dead, and of the proceedings of the Legislature of this State on his application for a pension, which accompanies this statement, in confirmation thereof --

There is no person now living that the deponent knows of by whom he can prove his services.

His name is not on the pension Roll of any State or of the agency of any State except the State of South Carolina and he hereby relinquishes all right to a pension from that State. Indeed he has been notified that this State will not any longer allow pensions to any of its Revolutionary pensioners, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present.

He refers to the statements of John M. Kinard and John S. Carwile for his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and for his reputation as such.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court
1 March 1836

S/ Nathan Rice, NR his mark

S/ D. Nance

[John S. Carwile and J. M. Kinard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the South Carolina State Troops.]