

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Rawlins S21934

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South Carolina Sumter District and County of Salem

On this 19th day of June in the year 1833 Personally appeared before me James C. Fullwood one of the Justices of the Quorum for said district, Richard Rawlings a resident of Salem County in the District of Sumter and State of South Carolina, aged eighty-four years, who being 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. But by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service or the exact date when they were performed, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades; and commanded by the following officers. He entered the US service early in the year 1776 as a drafted Militia man commanded by Colonel Richardson Major Fullwood Captain Moses Gordon for ten days, in pursuit of the Tories, for one month commanded by Captain John Nelson Lieutenant McFadden Colonels Williamson, Thompson and Richardson in this expedition against the Tories and Indians in the Western part of the State of South Carolina on Bush and Tyger rivers in the month of December the same year as a volunteer; For one month I served as a private at Bluford [sic, Beaufort?] under Colonel Richardson Lieutenant Robert Burgess; For 2 months I served in Charleston as a private in the Barracks same officers in the year 1779. For 3 months I served in Augusta and on Savannah River under Colonel Richard Richards [sic] Captain Nelson Lieutenant McFadden. For 5 months I served in Marion's brigade in the year 1781 under Colonels Richardson, Colonel Irvin Captain Nelson Lieutenant Thomas McFadden, at Snows Island both sides of the same Santee and over the Pedee after the Tories. For one month I served as a private under Colonel McDaniel Major James Lieutenant Bennet at Winnsborough in 1782 = I resided in Salem County Sumter District South Carolina when I entered the service and have resided in the same County & District ever since. I was in the Battles of Wambaw and Eutaw Springs. I knew General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] General Sumter, General Williamson, General Marion, Colonel Thompson, Major Conyers & Count Pulaski; have done duty with the Troops which they commanded. I have no record of my age the family register was lost in the revolutionary War; I know that I was at least ten years old at time of the Keeowee expeditions was present at Preddervanse [sic, Providence?] and saw the Troops march; which was in the year 1759 -- 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, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ H. Fullwood, JQ for Sumter district

S/ Richard Rawlins, X his mark

Test: S/ Wm McIntosh

[John Cousar, a clergyman, and William McIntosh gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Salem County Sumter District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Quorum for Sumter District William McElveen, Senr.¹ who being duly sworn deposed & saith that he is well acquainted with Richard Rawlins who has subscribed and sworn to the within Declaration; that he is a revolutionary Soldier that he and this deponent served together in the revolutionary War, we served together in the Snow Camp I think a month in the year 1776 we served together at Augusta & on the Savannah River 3 months.

Sworn and subscribed this 19th of June 1833 before me

S/ H. Fullwood, JQ

S/ Wm McElveen, X his mark

In amendment of the within Declaration of Services which has come to my recollection since the declaration filed South Carolina Salem County Sumter District South Carolina = Personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Quorum for Sumter District Richard Rawlins who being duly sworn according to law, saith that he served one month (which is not referred to in the within declaration) under the command of Colonel Richardson Captain Moses Gordon after the Tories near Ninety Six we took Colonel Fletcher [sic, Fletchall] a notorious Tory in the year 1777. This deponent further saith that by request war command of the Officers of his Regiment he brought 6 months in the latter part of the year 1781 & first part of 1782 making sword scabbards & shoes for the troops of his Regiment, they being destitute of these articles for which services he would be exempted from his duty in camp. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19th of June 1833

S/ H. Fullwood, JQ

S/ Richard Rawlins, X his mark

Amendment of the weekend Declaration

South Carolina Sumter District and County of Salem

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Quorum for Salem County Richard Rawlins who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection; he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For ten days a drafted militia man in the year 1776 under the command of Colonel Richardson Major Fullwood and Captain Moses Gordon after the Tories that had embodied over the Congaree River we marched as far as Friday's ferry on the said River there we heard the Tories were dispersed and we returned home and were discharged = For one month as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Richardson Captain John Nelson Lieutenant Thomas McFadden in December 1776 after the Tories and Indians in the Western part of the State of South Carolina on Bush and Tyger Rivers -- For one month I served as a drafted Militia man under the command of Colonel Richardson and Lieutenant Robert Burgess in the year 1787 we marched to Charleston and was immediately ordered to Buford [sic, Beaufort?] to defend the Town the British had landed in the State of Georgia and was expected to make their way to Buford. For one month I served under the command [of] Colonel Richardson and Captain John Nelson in Charleston to defend the Town a British Fleet was off the Town of Savannah in the

¹ [William McElveen S21880](#)

State of Georgia and was expected at Charleston this was in the year 1778 = For 2 months I served under the command of Major James and Captain John Nelson in the year 1779 in Charleston stationed in the Barracks to defend the Town = For 3 months I served under the command of Colonel Richard Richardson Captain Nelson Lieutenant Thomas McFadden in Augusta and on the Savannah River in the year 1779 while we lay at Augusta General pre-those the British commander crossed the Savannah River and pushed for Charleston General Lincoln who commanded the American forces crossed the River and pursued Prevost to Charleston. Prevost retreated along the seashore a part of Lincoln's Troops overtook him at Stono ferry we had a smart engagement = For 5 months I served in Marion's Brigade as a volunteer under the command [of] Colonel Richardson Colonel Irvin Captain Nelson Lieutenant McFadden in the year 1781 at Snows Island both sides of the Santee on Black River and Georgetown after skirmishing with the British and Tories we had a smart brush with the British at the lower Bridge on Black River = For one month I served under the command of Colonel McDaniel Major James Lieutenant Bennet at Wambaw² where we were surprised and routed by the British in the [year] 1782. For one month I served as a drafted Militia man under the command of Colonel Horry Captain Nelson after the truce man (Tories) over both the Pedees and over Drowning Creek in the year 1782 = For one month I served under command of Colonel Richardson Captain Moses Gordin near Ninety Six after the Tories we took Colonel Fletchall a notorious Tory with a number of prisoners who were pillaging and murdering the inhabitants of the State = For 6 months in the latter part of the year 1781 & first part of the year 1782 By request of the officers of his Regiment making sword scabbards & shoes for the troops for which services he would be exempted from his duty in Camp for which services I have never received any other compensation and exemption from doing duty in the Camp while I was at work for the troops and for such service I claim a pension.

This Deponent further saith on his oath that from old by reason of bodily infirmity he is not able to attend any Court war Judge in Chambers.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 8th October 1833

S/ H. Fullwood, JQ

S/ Richard Rawlins, X his mark

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr: I was born in Salem County Sumter District South Carolina I cannot state the exact year I was born

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer = The record of my age was lost in time of the revolutionary War I was at the least 10 years old at the time of the Keeowee expedition was present at the rendezvous and solve the troops marched; which was in the year 1759.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Anrs: I was living in Salem County South Carolina when called into service I have lived there ever since the War and am now living in the same County

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Anrs: I entered the service of the US as a drafted militia man I afterwards volunteered my services several times I never served as a substitute

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

² February 24, 1782. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/wambaw-cr-br.htm>

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr: I knew General Lincoln General Sumter General Williamson General Marion Colonel Thompson Colonel Richardson Colonel McDaniel Colonel Peter & Hugh Horry Count Pulaski Major Conyers Major Postell Major Benson Major Mayham

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr: I received several verbal discharges at the termination of each tour of duty but no written one.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr: William R. Burgess, MHR Wm Rose, MHR John M. Witherspoon, Robert Witherspoon former MHR Congress Samuel McFadden, John McFadden, Thomas Rose
I do hereby certify that the above Interrogatories were propounded to the applicant and the above answers Givens this 8th October 1833

[fn p. 14: On May 2, 1843 in Sumter District South Carolina Mary Rawlins filed a claim stating that she is the widow of Richard Rawlins; that her husband died March 12, 1838 at which time he was do you the arrears of his pension from September 4, 1837; "This Deponent further saith that she now resides in Salem County Sumter District which is the place of her nativity and that she is 83 years of age"]