

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Rivers S21948

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South Carolina City of Charleston

On this 25th day of September A.D. 1832 appeared before me Thomas Lee district Judge for South Carolina Samuel Rivers aged 81 years a resident of this City 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 on 7 June 1832.

That he served in a company of Grenadiers under the command of Captain Peter Bocquet from the year 1775 to 12 May 1780. That he marched with the militia to the Siege of Savannah and assisted in defending Charleston and was made a Prisoner when Charleston fell.

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.

S/ Samuel River, X his mark

Sworn to before me at Mr. Rivers'

House the day & year

above Written, Mr. R

from infirmity being unable

to go to court Mr. R made

his Mark being unable from

8 Constriction of his fingers to

write his name

S/ Thos. Lee, Dist. Judge So Carolina

[Basel Manley, Pastor of the Baptist Church Charleston, and William H. GM's & Jacob Sass & David U. Carr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

S/ Samuel Rivers, X his mark

City of Charleston

Mr. Samuel Rivers being again sworn by me at his Chamber & in his bed deposeth that his Officers were Colonel Maurice Simons, William Graham Lieutenant, John Smith Lieutenant - - he cannot recollect the names of any others -

S/ Saml. Rivers, X his mark

S/ Thos. Lee, Dist. Judge

Charleston 16th of December 1833

Supplemental Affidavit of Samuel Rivers made in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832 granting Pensions in certain Cases

The said Samuel Rivers deposes that the Officers commanding the Grenadier Company

in which he served was Captain Peter Bocquet, that for the officer under whose Command Captain Bocquet served he presumes it is sufficient to refer to the History of the Revolution. He entered the Company when it was formed in 1775 and the Company was engaged in all the militia service which devolved on the Citizens of Charleston from that Period to wit commencing with the Battle of Fort Moultrie to the Fall of the City in May 1780 after which he remained a Prisoner of War until he was exchanged under a [indecipherable word or words] near the Close of the War, he thinks in 1782.

That during that Period he was in actual service at the attack on Fort Moultrie at least 6 Weeks; when Prevost came against the lines & in the [one or more indecipherable words] connected with it at the least 4 weeks. In the attack on Savannah & in the [indecipherable word or words] connected with it at least 6 weeks, & in the siege of Charleston and preparatory and attendant there to -- out at least 3 months: may in the whole at least 28 weeks. That he is 81 years of age and confined to his bed -- that he is well known to the Citizens of Charleston generally and refers particularly to the Judges of this Circuit & District

S/ S. Rivers, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 24th December 1833 at his House he being confined to bed & unable from the cramped state of his fingers to do more than make his Mark.

S/ Thos. Lee, D SC