

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Holman Rice S31327

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Kentucky } Sct
Bath County }

Holman Rice produced and made oath to his schedule and statement as a Revolutionary pensioner Which is ordered to be certified as follows towit On this 8th day of January 1821 personally appeared in Open Court it being a Court of Record Holman Rice aged about 63 years and being first duly sworn States as follows Towit that he was a private soldier in the first Virginia Regiment of Light dragoons fourth Troop Commanded by Capt. Llewellen Jones [Lewellin Jones] which Troop was attached to the above Regiment which said Regiment was commanded by Col Theodorick Bland that he was enlisted by Lieutenant Spotswood Dandridge [Alexander Spotswood Dandridge] at Goochland Court house Virginia for the Term of Twenty Eight months that he served his said Term and was honourably discharged at Winchester Virginia on the 8th day of December 1778 all of which servises were rendered in the Revolutionary war and his Pension Certificate is No. [blank] And that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and now is a citizen of Bath County Kentucky and that he has not since the 18th day of March 1818 by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed Towit.

1 Horse worth	\$50
1 Mare D[it]o	40
2 Cows	20
13 Hogs including 6 Shoats	14
Potmetal	6
Dresser Ware	3
House furniture 1 Table 1 Chest 6 Chairs	<u>4</u>
	\$157

Holman Rice

And he further states that he has a family consisting of a wife aged about 39 years One daughter aged about three years One d[it]o aged about Two years One son aged about 13 months he is by occupation a farmer and unable to persue the same for a living on account of age & infirmity

State of Kentucky Bath County October 1828

I John Sims [pension application S37397] of the County & State aforesaid being in my full mind and memory, do hereby Certify That I was Inlisted in the year 1779 by Anderson Thompson [illegible abbreviation] Capt. [Robert] Barrett to go into the service of the United States upon Contanantal Establishment, and to be consider'd as other Contanantal Troops during the war, that I was marched to Albemarle Barracks in Virginia to Guard General Burgoins Troops [Burgoyne's Army, surrendered at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777] then prisoners of War, that Francis Taylor of Orange County Virginia Commanded said Regiment William fontan [sic: William Fontaine] Lieut. Colonel, & that Holman Rice marched a Company of Regular Troops to the above Barracks Joined our Regiment and was Eldest Captain in said Regiment, that I was a length of Time under his command, and found him a noble vallant officer and one Generaly esteemd in the Regiment, & in particular by all the soldiers – that I drew pay

Rations Clothing utential, &c was Driled mustered returned &c &c as the matial law Requird. Given under my hand the day & date above written.

[signed] Jno Sims

Bath County

November Court 1828

Holeman Rice a man of credibility came personally into Court and made Oath that, He was the man Discribed in a Deposition of John Sims Taken in the State of Kentucky and County of Bath in Oct 1828 Stating that said Rice was a Captain in the Virginia line the Ridgment Commanded by Col Francis Taylor in 1779 which Deposition was Sworn to before the Hon Judge Silas W. Robins who also certifies that said Sims is a Credible man which Certificate is dated 16th Oct 1828 which is ordered to be Certified

The Commonwealth of Kentucky } Sgt.

Bath County }

For the purpose of Obtaining the benifit of the act of Congress for the benifit of the surviving officers and soldiers of the arney of the revolution approved the fifteenth of May 1828. I Holeman Rice late a Captin of the Arney of the revolution, declares on oath, that I enlisted at Gouchland Courthouse Virginia under Capt Lualin Jones in the fourth troop first Virginia redgement of Light dragoons under the command of Col. Theodorick Brand on continetal establishment, for three years his enlistment and continued in service from the date of my enlistment which was in September 1776 untill January 1779 as a soldier untill January 1779 when on the recommedation of Col. Daniel Morgan I was promoted to a Captin in the redgement of Col. Francis Taylor of the virginia Continental line, and commanded a company for eight months guarding Genl Burgins prisoners at Albemarle barracks when I received Orders of Col. Thomas Man Randolph [Thomas Mann Randolph] & John Woodson Commanding officers of the recruiting service (having a tallent for recruiting) to enter on the recrcuting service as a Capten, and to enlist Soldiers. Salers & Mariners which I did untill I was Captured by the British at Elk Ilan [sic: Elk Island], where my Commission, Orders. wach &c. was taken & destroyd or so placed out of my power, and was paroled just previous to the surrender of Lord Cornwals [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] and was never exchanged or ordered again into service, and continued thus as stated a Captin in the arney of the revolution to the end & close of the war. that I am now on the pension roal under the acts of Congress of 1818 & 1820 and Citizen of Bath County Kentucky refer to the roals in the proper Office. and my papers in the Secretary of Wars Office. Given under my hand this [blank] day of August 1832.

State of Kentucky } Sgt.

Bath County }

This day Captin Holeman Rice of the County of Bath and State of Kentucky (know to me to be on the pension roal of the arney of the revolution as a Captin under the Acts of Congress of 1818 & 1820 and made oath before me as a justice of the peace that he never had sold or transfered his bounty land, due him from the united States as a Captin in the Arney of the revolution, as stated by him in his petition to the Secretary of War.

Know all men by these presents that I Coleman Rice of the County aforesaid do by these presents nominate constitute and appoint Thomas Triplett of the Town of Frankfort and State of Kentucky my true and lawfull attorney in fact for me and in my name to demand and receve of the Secratary of War of the United States all land warrants I may be entitled to for bounty lands and obtain scrip on the same for me, and my said attorney is hereby authorised to appoint one or more attorneys under him to carry into effect the forgoing power of attorney hereby ratifying and conferming all ye said attorney may lawfully do in the premises In Testamoney whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 21st day of August 1832.

[signed] Holman Rice 76

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Triplett of the Town of Frankfort State of Kentucky do by these presents nominate constitute & appoint Col Joseph Walson[?] of the City of Washington my true & lawful attorney or subagent for the benefit of Holeman Rice my principal to transact and do all & every thing I could were I personally present my self. investing and clothing him with all the power I possess. In Testamoney whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 24th August 1832.

I do hereby revoke the above

[signed] Thomas Triplett

[signed] Thomas Triplett

To the honourable Secretary of War of the United States

Your petitioner Holeman Rice late a Capten of the army of the revolution in the ridgement commanded by Col. Francis Taylor respectfully represents that he enlisted in September 1776 in the army of the revolution at Gouchland court house Virginia in the fourth troop of light dragoons in the company of Captin Lualin Jones, under the command of Col. Theodorick Brand, for three years during which period he was in the following batles. Of german Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], montmoth [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778], together attacks on picketing &c afterwards on the recommendaton of Col. Morgan, he was appointed and commissioned a Captin in the ridgement Commanded by Col. Francis Taylor. Lieut Col. Fountain Major John Roberts. the other Captins was Capt Garland Burnley Capt [Thomas] Porter Capt [Benjamin] Timberlake, Capt Kirkley [sic: William Kirtley], Capt Allen &c &c that said ridgement was a ridgement of Gards to gard Gen'l. Burgoins prisoners, he received his commission in January 1779 and continued at Albermarle barracks eight months guarding said prisoners when he received orders from Col. Thomas Man Randolph & Col. John Woodson the commanding officers and superentindants[?] to recruit soldiers Sailors or Marriners for the State Troops Continental or the Virginia Navey. And your petitioner applied himself to said recruting service and recruited about one hundred men or more and was ordered to continue recruting during the war & to enlist men for that period which your petitioner continued to do untill about the [blank] day of June 1781 at Elk Ilan, where your petitioner was taken prisoner by the British, his commission wach orders & other papers taken, and your petitioner was detained as a prisoner of war untill just before the surrender of Cornwalls, when he was paroled and continued on his parole untill the close of the war. your petitioner respectfully further represents that after the passage of the law of 1818 of Congress your petitioner drew up a statement of his services presented it in Bath Circuit Court Kentucky at the June Term 1818 and the orders of Court made in persuance of the instructions received from the department, which statement was returned with an indorsement to make out a concise statement of services rendered which you petitioner omitted to apply further for some time. when he procured the honourable David Trimble the representative in Congress to make application to Court who did so, and your petitioner was place to his astonishment on the pension roal as a soldier Your petitioner owing to reverse of fortune and a young familey continued & was compeled to receive the pension untill the Honb'le. Henry Daniel was elected to Congress when your petitioner made application to him and he applied at the department and had him placed on the pension roal at Two hundred and forty dollars per annum, commenceing on the 28th day of March 1831 which several sums your petitioner has received. Your petitioner conseves himself justley entitled agreeable to law from the time of his first application up to the time he was placed on the pension roal at Two hundred & forty dollars per annum to that June, deducting the amount received as a soldier (having married at a late period having a wife and four small children to educate and supal[?]) and being verry poar solicits your excellency to examine the merrits of his case and if entitled to the differance to award and pay the same, your petitioner refers to the roals of the department as evidence of his being a Captin as stated by him, aforesaid. Your petitioner further petitions that he be place on the pension roal agreeable to the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 on the pension roal at the full pay of a Captin commenceing as therein specifide, and he is in duty bound will pray &c your petitioner has resided from the date of his first application in the County of Bath and State of Kentucky and now resides in the same

county & state

Given under my hand & seal at Owingsvill Bath County this 21 day of August 1832 –

[signed] Holman Rice 76

State of Kentucky }

Bath County } Sect.

This day [27 Nov 1832] John Sims of the Town of Sharpsburg in the County of Bath and State aforesaid, made oath before me, that he was intimately acquainted in Virginia with Capt. Holeman Rice, now of Bath County Kentucky, and they are now intimate; that to his knowledge said Rice enlisted in the fall. Seventeen hundred and Seventy six in the fourth troop of light Dragoons in the Company of Captain Lewellin Jones, under the command of Colo. Theodorick Brand, and served until January seventeen hundred and seventynine, when he was made a captain in Colo. Francis Taylors Regiment which Regiment your affiant enlisted in for two years in the Company of Capt Barret for about eight months said Rice continued in command of the same Barricks, when he was sent on the recruiting service for upwards of two years – when he was taken prisoner as this affiant understood and believes, and afterwards paroled. This affiant saw him frequently afterwards, but knows of no services rendered by him afterwards, as Cornwallis shortly surrendered – and the War was supposed to be ended – this affiant is on the Pension Roll.

Colo. James McIlhenney [James McIlhaney] of the same county, makes oath that he served tho' the Revolutionary war and was last a Capt. of Light Dragoons, and was well acquainted with Capt. Holeman Rice, now of Bath County, and as to his services in the army of the revolution, has no hesitation in corroborating the statement of John Sims and further says not.

Also Bean Smallwood [W8738] of the same county makes Oath, States & Says, He was a Soldier in the army of the Revolution for three years as a regular, and then to its close, altho' he did not enlist for the War. That he knew Holeman Rice now of Bath County, as a Dragoon, and then as a captain in Colo. Taylors Regiment, and in the recruiting service until shortly before the Surrender of CornWallis – and the said Rice was a captain for upwards of two years. known and recognized –

[signed] Beane Smallwood

J. L. Edwards Esq'r. Owingsville/ 8th January 1833

Sir Major Thomas Triplett of Frankfort Ky Directed Capt. Holman Rice to send you his pentian Certificet for the purpose of having it changed from \$20 to \$40 a month which certificet you will find enclosed. Capt Rice is an ould respectable man and he wishes the same attended to immediatley.

Very Respct Yours &c/ A. Trumbo Jr.

P.S. In October last I prepared a case in the Morgan Circuit Court and had it regularly Certified and sent it to the war department. It was for John Butler [pension application S30295], who belonged to the Virginia State troops. I would like to hear from it as he directed the same to be sent to me at this place. I would take it as a grate favour if you could inform me upon the subject of Butlers prospects.

I Remain yours &c/ A. Trumbo Jr

State of Kentucky } Sect

Shelby County } [20 Oct 1834]

The affidavit of Jesse Alvis [Jesse Alvis, pension application S35765] taken at the town of Shelbyville Ky to be used on the behalf of Holeman Rice a Captain of the Virginia line during the Revolution, this affiant states that he is now in the 76th year of his age, and a pensioner of the United States, he states he lived in Gouchland county Virginia during the war aforesaid and in the summer of

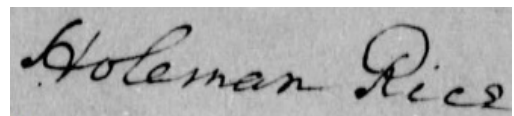
1778 he enlisted as a regular soldier for & during the war in Captain Holeman Rice's company that he was enlisted by Lieutenant Edward Herndon said Rices Lieutenant, that he from this time & before his enlistment he became acquainted with Captain Rice, that when captain Rice was commissioned a captain which was in 1778 he allways understood at that time that he had previously been in the service and had returned from captivity with the brittish, but how long he had previously served or been in captivity this affiant only knows from information, This affiant served as a soldier under Captain Rice from the summer of 1778 the time of his enlistment, for a little upwards of two years, stationed at the Albermarl Barrax, all the time, that Holeman Rice then was called off to fill some other station or duty in the same station, according to this affiants best recollection, that after the aforesaid time he does not know what service captain Holeman Rice performed or where he did service, but after he s'd Rice left this affiant Edward Herndon took command as a captain, this affiant understood that captain Rice was in the service before he was commissioned a captain as a Sergent for more than one year but only speaks as to the last service from information. This affiant was intimitly acquainted with captain Rice from a boy untill they entered the service, that he was after the war acquainted with him Jesse hisXmark Allvis

Washington City, October 21, 1834. Received from the Commissioner of Pensions the original papers in support of the pension claim of Holman Rice, of Kentucky. The papers are ten in number
[signed] P S Loughborough [see endnote]

The statement of Holeman Rice as to his Services in the Revolution [28 Nov 1834]

That in the fall of 1775 he volunteered as As a soldier for one month or thereabouts, in Captain Gedion Hatcher's [Gideon Hatcher's] Company from Goochland County Va, where this Affiant then lived, said Company was raised to go against Lord Dunmore at Williamsburg, That in the month of September 1776 he lived in Goochland County Virginia and in said month he enlisted as a regular soldier in Captain Lewellen Jones's Troop of Horse which was Attached to Blands Corps That Alexander Sposwood Dandridge was Lieutenant in said Jones's Troop and Inlisted This Affiant, That this affiant continued in This Troop aforesaid untill the 8th day of December 1778 When this Affiant received his Discharge from said Troop At Winchester Va. he cannot say who the Dischage was signed by, but he thinks it was by Major John Jimmerson.

That On the 18th of January 1779 he was commissioned as Capt in the Regiment commanded by Colo Francis Taylor That he inlisted his company principally, in Goochland County Virginia, and was then ordered to join his regiment at the Albemarle Barracks which he done in conformity to said order That he continued to act with his Company at said Barrax untel The 8th or 10th of August 1779 when his Further services not being necessary at said Barrax he again entered under Orders, the Recruiting service In Goochland County & other places, That This Affiant Recruited between sixty & seventy men, when The funds furnished This Affiant wholly failed & he had to stop recruiting – that he was Twelve months recruiting the last number of men. that the last recruited men, he Delivered a part of them to Captain Fredrick Woodson of Pohatan County [sic: Frederick Woodson of Powhatan County] whose receipt he Took for those men. That he cannot distinctly recollect the persons to whom he delivered The Others, But that all were regularly deliver'd up & receipts Took for them. That at Elk Island on James River, This affiant was Taken prisoner in the month of June 1781 by Tarltons Legion [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion], where his Commission his receipts for the soldiers he had recruited his discharge from the service as a soldier was all destroyed by the enemy commanded by Lord Cornwallis, also the rools [rolls] of his men that he had first and secondly Inlisted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holeman Rice". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the late 18th or early 19th century.

Frankfort Nov 29th 1834

Dear Sir I herewith enclose an affidavit of Holeman Rice made out in his own handwriting while he was here as a witness in attendance in the case of the United States vs Tho Triplett Esq'r he handed it to Mr Loughborough, and as I had two other affidavits we concluded I would enclose them, I beg you would look into his papers and if any thing shall be found due him be it little or much let him have it for he has been badly treated, and there is not a species of property in his house which is not now under execution owing to his failure to get his last pension draw, never was man more alarmed than he was, and I do now think what he has said in this affidavit is true I have taken this in hands for the old man just because he wrote me a letter some time since giving me authority to attend to his land claim in Va a warrant of his is now on file in the land office to which I think him entitled, I was doing a little busyness for one of the witnesses whose affidavit is here with enclosed preparing his papers for a land warrant from Va & when the witness was done, I found he was an old man and I took the statement for capt Rice, The credibility of James M Franklin I no not nor did the magistrate who swore him, because he lived in Spencer County & the Justice in Shelby Benj Hardin I expect knows Franklin I will ask him to Certify for Mr Franklin, should you do anything for capt Rice inform him at Owensville Ky
To com'r Pensions} Wm. H. Todd

Frankfort/ Jan 20th 1835

To the honourable secretary of war. U.S.

Sir I wish the papers in the case of Holeman Rice whole & entire as well as the petition on file in those papers to the secretary of the Treasury & payments to him as pentitioner & when suspended – on the roal. I am under a prosecution in which those papers are important. Yours &c
Thomas Triplett [see endnote]

District of Kentucky }
Town of Frankfort }

I do hereby certify that in June 1834, after I had arrested John Bailey [John Baily, pension application R19354] and Josiah Reed on a warrant for a felony in making false papers for the purpose of drawing money from the treasury of the United States; that whilst I was with the prisoners in Bath County, and perhaps afterward, Josiah Reed was appealed to, as the Justice of the peace who had certified that the various depositions had been sworn to, whether Capt Holeman Rice had sworn to the deposition which was signed with his name, in the papers of the Bailey case Reed stated that Capt Rice had not sworn to it, as he believed; that in fact he had no recollection, of his having sworn any of the witnesses at Mrs. Baileys, among whom said Rice was one. Said Reed on the trial of Capt Jno. Bailey before the examining court, in a few days after his arrest stated about the same facts on oath. Given under my hand this 28 May 1835. Jno. M. McCall M.K.D. [Marshall of Kentucky District]

The Deposition of Claibourne Bradshaw [Claibourn (Claburn) Bradshaw, W8394] taken at the Clerks office of Mercer County Kentucky on the first day of July 1835 and to be read before the Hon'bl. Secretary of War in behalf of Holman Rice in support of his claim for an increase of Pension under the Act of June the 7th 1832. He being first duly sworn deposeth and sayeth, That he became acquainted with the s'd. Holman Rice previous to the War of the Revolution, that they were raised in the same County (to wit) Goochland county Virginia, that he well recollects that in the year 1779 said Rice was a recruiting officer for regular soldiers, Sailors, and Marines for the army of the Revolution That he saw him recruiting in the fall of 1779 and knows that he remained in the service untill the month of June 1781 when he the s'd Rice was taken prisoner at Elk Island on James River, he well recollects that said Rice enlisted many recruits for the use of te army, and further that said Rice was active, brave, and useful in the cause of the Revolution as an officer/ and further sayeth not. [signed] Claibourn Bradshaw

Also the Deposition of Martin Carter [pension application S30911] taken at the same time and place and to be read as evidence for the same purpose, this deponent being of Lawful age and duly sworn as the Law requires, States that he concurs fully with Claibourn Bradshaw in the statements made by him in his foregoing deposition, that that they knew each other well throughout the troublesome times of the Revolution. The he well knows that said Rice contributed his part faithfully as an officer in s'd. war, he well recollects of seeing him in the recruiting service in the fall of 1779 in which capacity he remained untill taken prisoner as is states in the fore going Deposition of Bradsaw

Martin hisXmark Carter

Owings'lle. Ky Nov'r. 18th 1835

Sir [apparently J. L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner] Your letter remained in the post office at this place, untel the 9th Inst. my infirmness prevents my Going from home & I am poor & without money, or almost a life support, my Claim has been so much shipwrecked and my name so often mentioned about it that I am at a loss further to say, as that Villian Triplett has made me publick & Defy at me to produce any Authority that I ever was a Recruiting officer I have taken the trouble to secure shuch Authority, & sent it on Inclosed to the Hon'l. R M Johnson – for reason, that he was present In Frankford, & often heard the abuse I bore from Triplett & Hagan[?] Just for them to make money on – I have then requested him to hand it to you; it is evident, had my Claim been Justly handled, I should have been found among the Brave, as no Earthly man in my day ever Exhibited more service to his Country for the Term of 5 years Taking into consideration my soldiers Tour in most pinching time of war, with General morgan.

I have laid out upwards of \$20 postage for letters sent me from the Dif't. states in union, praying to settle my claim Expected my services had all been assetained – I positively Directed T Triplett to be Governed by the revo record, & not to urge my claim, upon my certifycats, if he found any Defect to halt But in place of this he has Blasted my charecter & pay, to save Jno Baileys & his Fathers [Thomas Triplett, Sr] – who never wer officers. & the latter not one minnute in the Revolutionary War, – the name of a Trader in old claims, is made Detestable to me, it appearing while while Triplett's Trial was Going on two thirds[?] were consumed in some way all Gaping at me to see me Jibited – my DTen[?] my papers I want on further inspection that the Departm't. if I get my due, so be it, if not, let it go to the use of my Country which I hope to free from Slavery – the poor Soldiers fought when those speculators was nonexistence, & now they rob us, & then Hang or massacre us for Giving them our all.

Yr mst. Ob't Hum'l Servant/ Holman Rice 76

Inclosed is my pention Certefycate } my Commission Distroy'd by the British when taken prisoner
agreeable to yr Instructions – a Mr.[?] }
speculator, has wrote to me not to send }

it to you, he wants to Handel it – I cant express my hatred here

[The following written on the address side of the paper:]

If it be asked why I was Taken prisoner while recruiting answer Because I always commanded a Host of volunteers, when a pinch came on, & I had them vs Arnol [Gen. Benedict Arnold], & other places too
Tedious to mention Command'd Cabin point on Js. river [James River] Va. H Rice 76

Sir [J. L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner] While the Trial of Thomas Triplett was Going on I left the then seting Court & went to Mercer County, Ky, where I fell in with Claiboure Bradshaw and another possible witness, That were Both raised in Gochland County Va the same County I also was raised who Both, appeared before Lewis Waugh, the prime Justice of the peace in & for said County, and made oath; that they were both well acquainted with me and my being a recruiting officer, during the fall 1779 until Taken prisoner, by Cornwallis's Troops at Elk Island James River, June 1781 with other statements to my intrest

As Triplett was let out of Jail to persecute me every day, because I was a Witness vs him, in which

he Defied me to produce any such Testamony in my behalf; I was at the Trouble & expence of Justifying myself in this way, this Deposition I immediately inclosed in a letter To the Hon^l. R. M. Johnson in order to lay before your

I supposed that evidence was sufficient to Garrentee to me that Honour & Rank I so bravly [page damaged here and at places marked *]ed – if it has not, I beg in humble Terms it may be sent back [*] my childrens children may know I was not the man Mr. Triplett lay before aga[*]viously to this, I had wrote to you not to allow any further agency, The Land [*]riplett Got for me, 3,600 acres he asserted in The Court Room often times. I had Given up [*] & he had disposd of it, althwhile I was filed in yr office for me, & since has been unduly taken up, by Wm H Todd – This True Wm H Todd had Liberty to do, what & every part of The agency Triplett had left undone – & not lay his hands on what was done, I have his written agreem't. & also 5 letters that will condemn his conduct on this matter to inamy & shame – has not acted honest nor Gentlemanly, [illegible abbreviation] I can prove & dare him to Defeat my assersions – Mr. Lewis Sanders Tells me, there was some money for me allowed by you, I have as yet never had any letter on that acc't. nor my being Taken back again to my \$240 pr year – my case is with you, & I wish you knew all my services, [illegible word] – please advise me pr letter – I had Thought letters to you was free, & I never p'd. postage, But I will pay for this and the rest sent. Sir yr obt S't./ Holman Rice 76

Owingsville Bath County Ky Nov'r. 12th 1838

I have forbidden Wm H Todd in presents of
O G Coles esq'r of Frankfort, from any further
Agency for me – that if anything was further
coming to me I submitted to yr Honour I am
now aged 81 years HR76

if you knew my Gallentry in action of Brandwine [Battle of Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777]
you w'd not fail to answer me immediately I am frail

[The following undated document is in the collection of Bounty Land claims of the Library of Virginia
<http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetRev.pl?dir=0806/R0106&card=70> Document Images]
The deposition of Capt Thomas Triplett [pension application S46571] of the Town of Owingsville Bath
County Kentucky says he entered the revolutionary army in the year 1775 that he was well acquainted
with Holman Rice who was then a dragoon and afterwards in 1779 a capten in Taylors redgment, and
[several illegible words] the guarding of the prisoners to Winchester in 1781 where I saw him as a Captin
said Holman Rice returned to Goochlan County Virginia and continued recruiting during the war. that
said Holman Rice was a Captin in the Army from the year 1779 untill the close of the war – that he was
then a man of great prowess of honourable deportment. Since the year 1811 in Bath County Kentucky he
was intimate with said Rice recognizes him & knows him the same man – this affiant was a soldger in
1775 was promoted in the follow campains thro the various grades, thro the inluance of Col Morgan & at
the Surrender of Cornwallis was a Captn. that this affiant was at the Batle of Gilford. Cowpens. & the
suthern engagements generally.

Signed subscribed & sworn before me

[signed illegibly] Thomas Triplett

NOTE: Rice was apparently a witness against Thomas Triplett in an investigation conducted by P. S.
Loughborough, an Agent for the Post Office Department. For further details see the pension applications
of Thomas Triplett (S46571) and John Baily (R19354).

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Addendum to Holman Rice S31327

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 7 Feb 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains copies of some of the above documents.]

To The Executive of Virginia

The Petition of Holman Rice respectfully shewith. That he entered into the army of the Revolution in the year 1775 as a Dragoon, and in the year 1779 was promoted to the Rank of Captain in Taylors Regiment and remained in the service of his Country until the close of the war as is shewn by the Testemony herewith exhibited – he farther states that he has not received his Land Bounty or any part of it promised [undeciphered] and prays that the same may be now allowed him.

July 8 1833

& your Petitioner will ever &c/ Holeman Rice by his attorney