

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Riely (Riley)¹ S31331

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State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

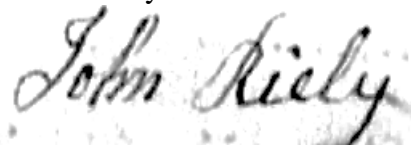
On this 17 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Shelby County now sitting John Riley resident in the County and state aforesaid aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted on the first of September 1778 in the company commanded by Captain Ephraim Worthington whose Lieutenant was George Hite and whose Ensign was Charles Nourse [?], That he resided in Berkeley County Virginia when he was drafted. That he was mustered into service at Martinsburg in the said County of Berkeley. That he marched from thence to Big Beaver Creek at which place Fort McIntosh was built, that he remained at that place until January 1779 when he returned home and was discharged at Martinsburg Berkeley County Virginia having served three months, which discharge is lost.

He the said John Riley was again drafted in the year 1781 in the County of Berkeley and State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John McCormick of which company he the said Riley was elected Lieutenant and John Ingle was Ensign in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Morgan, he was mustered in the service at Martinsburg and marched from that place to York after being two months in service Ingle being the oldest officer at home was appointed Lieutenant, and he the said Riley was appointed Ensign. He remained at York until after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He then marched from New York with the prisoners to Knowlands Ferry [Nolan's or Noland's Ferry] on the Potomac [River] at which place he the said Riley got his discharge and returned home which discharge is herein enclosed having served 3 months the last tour.

He the said John Riley 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 or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year 1st above written.

S/ John Riely



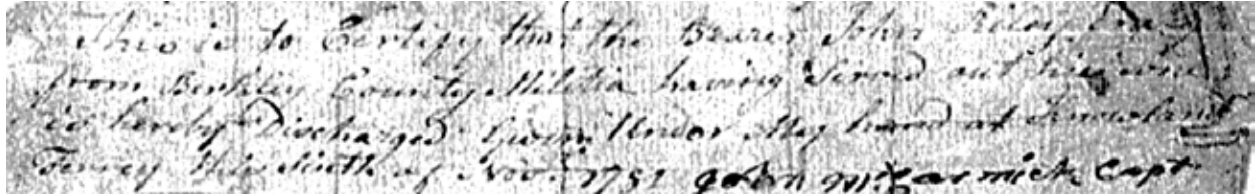
¹ See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050 143 Not Half Pay John Riley. There is a note on the cover sheet in a contemporary handwriting "S. died Jan. 18, 1847."

[James Middleton and Adam Middleton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This is to Certify that the Bearer John Riley [illegible]
from Berkeley County Militia having Served out his [illegible word]
Is hereby discharged. Given under my hand and acknowledged
[indecipherable word] this 6th of November 1781

S/ John McCormick Capt.



This is to Certify that the Bearer John Riley [illegible]
from Berkeley County Militia having Served out his [illegible word]
Is hereby discharged. Given under my hand and acknowledged
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[fp. 11: Power of attorney dated April 26, 1852 in Shelby County Kentucky given by Henri H Middleton and wife Mary F. Middleton [formerly Mary F Riely], John A. Riely, George W. Riely and Rachel G. Riely whereby they empower their attorney to pursue the claim of John Riely for the pension or increasing pension due him. Henri F. Middleton is identified as the administrator of the estate of the deceased veteran. In an accompanying affidavit, the signers of the power of attorney identify themselves as the heirs of John Riely. Also, in an accompanying finding by the court, the court found that the veteran died January 18, 1847 leaving no widow surviving but 4 children, John A. Riely, George W. Riely, Rachel G. Riely and May F. Riely, wife of Henri F. Middleton.]

Henri F. Middleton
Mary F. Middleton
John A. Riely
George W. Riely
Rachel G. Riely]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Lieutenant & Ensign for six months in the Virginia service.]