

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Rice S39833

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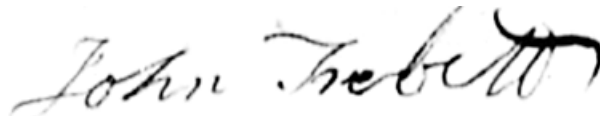
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I hereby Certify That I entered on board the *South Carolina* Frigate Alexander Gillon Esquire Commodore and John Joiner Esquire Captain, in the March A.D. 1781, and when I entered on board the said Ship there I found Samuel Rice of East Greenwich in the County of Kent and State of Rhode Island &c and that the said Samuel Rice was on board the said Ship sometime before I entered on board and was discharged from the said Ship on or about the 28th day of February A.D. 1782 at the Havana in the Island of Cuba. I also Certify that I the said Subscriber was on board the said Ship for and during the term of 14 months and that the said Samuel Rice was on board the said Ship 15 months or upwards to the best of my recollection and belief.

S/ John Trevett¹



State of Rhode Island &c Newport/c Newport August 11 A.D. 1818

Personally appeared John Trevett and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Certificate by him signed

Before Jonathan Almy Justice Peace

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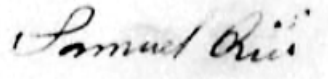
State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations

Kent

Samuel Rice of East Greenwich in the County of Kent and State of Rhode Island &c formerly a Seaman in the Navy of the United States and who by reason of his reduced circumstances in life is in need of the assistance from his Country for support according to the Act entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" -- on solemn oath declares and says That on the 28th day of October A.D. 1780 he enlisted as a Seaman on board the Frigate *South Carolina*, then being at Amsterdam, under the command of Commodore Alexander Gillon -- And that he served as a Seaman on board said Frigate in cruising against the Common Enemy for the time aforesaid until the 26th day of February A.D. 1782, when the period of his enlistment having expired, he was honorably discharged by Commodore Gillon at Havana -- In this declaration the Deponent makes to entitle him to the provision of the Act aforesaid --

¹ I think this is the sailor who claimed a pension as reflected in file FPA S39868 although he does not in his application make reference to having served on the *South Carolina*. In fact, he says in his application that he was captured by the English and was a prisoner of war during the time he says in the affidavit quoted above that he was on board the *South Carolina*.

S Samuel Rice



Sworn to the 21st day of March A.D. 1818²
C. Brayton, JSCCourt

United States of America

That on the 28th day of October A.D. 1780, he entered as a mariner on board the Frigate South Carolina, Alexander Gillon Esquire commander, and John Joiner Esquire Captain -- then lying at Amsterdam; We sailed from Holland the 26th day of August A.D. 1781 on a cruise towards America. On the first day of January 1782, we fell in with 5 sail of English vessels: these Ships and two Briggs, which we took: and carried into Havana where on the 28th day of February 1782 I was discharged by Commodore Gillon.

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United States of America

Rhode-Island District

County of Kent Special Court of common Pleas July 7th A.D. 1820

On this 7th day of July 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record within and for the said County Samuel Rice aged 62 years and 6 months residing in the town of East Greenwich in said County of Kent who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:

That he made a previous declaration on the 31st day of March 1818, and that he has received a certificate for a pension, being No. 2300 --And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Samuel Rice

A Schedule of Property and Income (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) of Samuel Rice viz. -- 1 Desk 6 Chairs, 2 small maple tables, 2 iron pots & 1 spider, 1 ax, 6 plates, 1 platter, 1 tea kettle, 1 dish Campbell, 2 Chests, 1 tin tea pot, & 1 coffee pot, 6 knives & forks, 6 iron spoons, 1 pair of hand irons shovel & tongs all old furniture, -- My occupation is that of a Seaman but by reason of my age, I have no longer the ability to pursue it, My family consists of myself and Wife who is unable to labor, she being infirm and sickly

S/ Samuel Rice

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 31, 1818, for service as a Seaman on board the Ship *South Carolina*]

² How could this application have been made BEFORE the act was passed on June 18, 1818?