

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Reizer S39038 (Raissor, Rais, Rice)

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State of South Carolina Lexington District

On this 12th day of April A.D. 1825 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas of the State aforesaid personally appeared in open Court John Rais otherwise called John Rice aged seventy-four years, resident in the district aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said John Reas [sic] or Rice enlisted for the term of three years, as he thinks sometime in the year 1776 near the Moravian Town in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Philips -- of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark being the first Regiment in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States, [until] the termination of his enlistment, that he then enlisted for the term of the war -- in Captain Reed's company in the same Regiment as aforesaid, that he served under said enlistment until the year 1780, as this deponent thinks, when in consequence of inability resulting from wounds received in the service he was discharged from the service in Halifax State of North Carolina: that he was in the battles of Monmouth, Brandywine & White Plains & in several skirmishes and in a small affair between Hakensack [Hackensack] and Hobuck [Hobokin?] in the State of New Jersey where he was shot in the hand, which with the effects of old age rendered him quite unable to support himself and that he stands in need of the assistance [of his Country] for support: Except the affidavit of the Honorable John Taylor which accompanies this and the papers now at the war office of the United States, he has no other evidence in his power of possession of his said Services.

Sworn and declared the day and year first above written before me this 11th April 1825

S/ J S Richardson, Associate Judge

S/ John Rais

**Schedule of property belonging to the within mentioned John Rais or Rice**

100 acres of land situated in this District	
on Hollow Creek about 125 cents per acre	\$125
100 acres on the Juniper Creek worth	30
A Negro man Ben about 70 years old worth	50
A Negro boy Jack about 8 years old	200
Two horses, worth together	54
A Cart worth	20
7 head Cattle worth	42

9 head hogs worth	9
Household furniture excepting beds & clothing	30
Plantation tools worth	<u>10</u>
	\$570

The declarant states that his occupation is that of a farmer that by reason of his great age (74), and his wound he has little ability to pursue -- that his wife about 80 years of age and more decrepit than himself is the only member of his family residing with him. --

sworn to before made this 12th of April 1825

S/ John Rais

S/ A. H. Fort, CCP

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South Carolina Lexington: We do certify that John Raiser, a citizen of this District has been wounded in his left hand, by a bullet, as we believe, and from satisfactory testimony, we have no doubt, he received his wound in the service of his Country -- We further certify that he is seriously afflicted with Scrotal Hernia, which with the wounded in his hand rendered him unable to do manual labor.

Augt. 1827

S/ Thomas H. Simmons, M.D.

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Razor, a private soldier in Captain \_\_ Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 29th March 1778 for 3 years or the War, that he was a prisoner on the 14th of April 1779, and that nothing more is said of him on said Rolls.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh this 16th of Decr. 1826

S/ Wm Hill

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Raleigh 16th Decr 1826

Sir

I am of opinion that this Soldier whose name is spelt Reisor in his Declaration is the same spelt Razor on the Rolls. His Captain's name (as you will see from the blank in my Certificate) is not mentioned on the rolls.

Respectfully your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

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State of South Carolina Lexington District: Personally appeared before me William Jackson of Barnwell District in the State aforesaid who being duly sworn saith that he knew John Riser in the time of the Revolutionary War and was with him in Camps some more than 2 years in which time he with deponent was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth and after which the Army being separated into parcels said John Riser went with that part of the Army to White Plains and Deponent to Long Island and deponent saith that he was always called on the rolls John Riser or Rizer deponent being Illiterate cant say how his name was spelled but says he was called as above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of June 1829 before me

S/ Arthur H. Fort, QU ex officio

S/ William Jackson

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The Petition of John Reisser states that he enlisted in the year 1776 as a private in Captain Philips company in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina line That he Faithfully Served His Country for Years [he] was honorably discharged in consequence of wounds received while in the service That Captain Philips company was from various causes much reduced in numbers That as a consequence thereof he was transferred to Captain James Reid's company of the 1st Regiment of the said line which Regiment shortly afterwards joined the troops under the immediate command of General Washington That the Petitioner fault in the Battles of Brandywine Germantown and Monmouth and in the course of the subsequent winter he was wounded in a skirmish with the British between Hackensack and Hobskin [Hoboken?] and taken by them a prisoner and placed in the Hospital at the City of N York where he remained until exchanged and that afterwards he was discharged in the State of North Carolina for the cause aforesaid That in the year 1811 he sent on all his papers by the Honorable John Taylor then a Senator from the State of North Carolina consisting of the certificate of his discharge, the Certificate of the Surgeon in relation to the extent and nature of his wounds and the certificate of Major Tatum the officer under whom he immediately served at the time he received the wounds for which he was discharged That he has been informed that all his papers were burned when this City was captured and that he is poor and stands greatly in need of the aid of his country for his support.

It appears from the certificate of William Hill Esquire of the Secretary of the State of North Carolina that the petitioner's name stands on the roll of the Continental line as stated by the Petitioner and from the letters of James S. Edwards Esquire it appears that the petitioner would have been placed upon the pension roll but for the amount of his property exhibited in the Schedule attached to the declaration made by the petitioner for the purpose of obtaining a pension which is estimated at \$561 -- but upon looking into the nature and kind of property of which it consists that it is but of little avail to the petitioner and in fact a great part of the property is of no intrinsic value to the petitioner nor would it be so to anyone else into whose hands it might pass and therefore that it has been greatly overrated seems very clear to the Committee. The principal part of which consist of 2 or tracts of land of 100 acres each and valued at \$125 and the other at \$30 and 2 old Negroes one of whom is 71 years old made at \$48 and the other with both of his legs broke valued at \$200. From which showing is pretty clear that both land and Negroes instead of being of any [indecipherable word or words] value to the old soldiers can not possibly do more than quit cost -- It is also shown by the certificate of the Honorable Mr. Martin that his whole property is not intrinsically words more than \$200. It appears that the petitioner is about 75 or 6 years and that his wife who is the only member of his family who lives with him is about 81 years of age and very decrepit -- Your committee therefore believes the prayer of the petitioner to be reasonable and such as might be granted.

[Note: this file contains several other applications and petitions filed by this veteran, all of which appear to me to be substantially identical in content to the application and petition set forth above.]