

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Rhodes S39041

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At a Superior Court of Law continued and held for Fluvanna County on Wednesday the 27th of May 1818 –

This day Georgia roads aged sixty-two years resident of said County personally appeared in Court and make the following declaration on oath. That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution on or about the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1776 that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain McDuell<sup>1</sup> in the 7th Regiment commanded by \_\_<sup>2</sup> of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment that he served as a soldier as aforesaid two years and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support which fact aforesaid as respects said service was supported by the Testimony of Isaac Sneads<sup>3</sup> a witness sworn in open Court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said George Rhodes served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the common Enemy for at least the term of two years, and that he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his Country for support and has therefore a just claim to a pension in the manner prescribed by 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" the same is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

[Attested by John Timberlake, Clerk of the Superior Court of Fluvanna County Virginia.]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On the 25th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a court of record by the laws of said State George Rhodes aged sixty-four years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution on or about the \_\_ day of \_\_1776 that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain McDuel in the 7th Regiment commanded by \_\_ of the Virginia line on

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<sup>1</sup> I couldn't find any such officer in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regt. The closest I could come to identifying this officer is to speculate whether or not it is a total misinterpretation of the name Matthew Jouett who served as a Captain in said Regiment.

<sup>2</sup> The 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment was commanded during its existence in the Revolutionary War at different times by William Dangerfield, William Crawford, Alexander McClanachan, Daniel Morgan and John Gibson.

<sup>3</sup> Sneads' affidavit is not included among the file documents. I could not identify a veteran by that name who filed for his own federal pension for service in the Revolution.

the Continental establishment that he served as a soldier as aforesaid two years and quit the service in consequence of being discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to wit twenty-five acres of all Land nine head of Cattle one horse five hogs two plows and gear two hoes four axes one pine table one pine chest one pot two Dutch ovens one earthen dish one [illegible word] Dish three beehives one spinning wheel two Slays & one testament. Said declarant states that his occupation is that of a farmer which he is illy able to pursue by reason of his age – that his family consists of a wife aged about sixty-two years one daughter aged about forty years who is unmarried but has living with her three children all sons one aged about thirteen years, the other two twin children aged about three years another daughter aged about thirty-one years another daughter aged about twenty-five years who are all illy able to contribute to their support and this declarant further states that the number of his original Certificate is fifteen thousand nine hundred and nine.

S/ Geo Rhodes, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 27, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]