

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Rowland S39047

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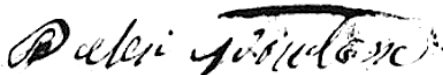
State of South Carolina Pendleton District } By the Honorable Charles J. Colcock Esquire one of
the Associate Judges of the State aforesaid and presiding Magistrate in the Court of General
Sessions and Common Pleas for the District aforesaid.

To all to whom the presents shall come be seen or made known Greeting:

Know ye that Peter Rowland did this day appeared before me and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God That in the spring of the year 1780 at Black Swamp in South Carolina he Enlisted under Captain Conyers¹ of the Fifth Regiment commanded by Colonel McIntosh [sic, Lt. Col. Alexander McIntosh] of the South Carolina Line of the Infantry of the United States during the War of the Revolution. The Regiment retreated soon after this deponent Entered to Charleston where he remained until Charleston surrendered to the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], when this deponent returned home, Captain Conyers told him if he could go home rather than be taken a prisoner and take a parole. This deponent then went to Salisbury NC & there joined Captain Craig's [Robert Craig's] company of Infantry Militia from the State of Virginia --

And went to the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]² & there he fought under Craig in the said Battle commanded by General W. Campbell [William Campbell] after which Battle he went with the Army to the Moravian Town (Salem) NC and then this deponent left the Army and returned home as they militia was dismissed. This deponent further saith, That he never had it in his power to obtain a discharge from his regular Officers as peace was concluded or Cornwallis taken at York in Virginia [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], before they were exchanged and this deponent was of opinion that a discharge was then quite unnecessary -- This deponent further saith he is a very poor man and needs the assistance of his country for support.

S/ Peter Rowland



In testimony that the above & foregoing affidavit was this day sworn to and subscribed before me. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord 1819.

¹ Clement Conyers, James Conyers, Jr. and William Conyers all served as Captains in the 5th South Carolina Regiment.

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

S/ C. J. Colcock

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Schedule

State of South Carolina Pendleton District } On this Twenty fifth day of October 1820, personally appeared, in open Court in the Court of General Sessions of the peace Oyer & Terminer Assize and General Gaol delivery being a Court of Record for the said District in the State aforesaid Peter Rowland aged Sixty six years, resident in the District aforesaid in the said State, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted under Captain Conyers of the Fifth Regiment commanded by Colonel McIntosh of the South Carolina Line: about two years previous to the taking of Lord Cornwallace [sic, Cornwallis] for the term of during the war, was in the battle at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779],³ at the Siege of Charleston⁴ and in the battle at Kings Mountain And was regularly discharged by Major Quork --

An original declaration was made on the Twentieth day of March A.D. 1819 And received Pension Certificate dated the 6th day of April A.D. 1820 Number 16650.

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. One mare, three cattle, one hog, two hens and chickens, one plow, two hoes, two drawing knives, two crose [?], two inshaves [?], one jointer, one handsaw, three augers, one hammer, one pocket knife, this Deponent saith that he is not able to follow his occupation as farmer, and lately took to coopering a little and almost unable to do any work Son William aged 13 years, Samuel aged 11 years, Lucinda aged 5 years. The children cannot do much towards their support and the youngest is an expanse.

Sworn to and declared on the 25th day of October A.D. 1820 Before
S/ Abm. Nott, Presiding Judge

S/ Peter Rowland

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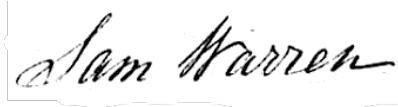
I do hereby certify, that from circumstances which Peter Rowland has mentioned to me, I think he must have been a soldier in the 5th South Carolina Regiment during the revolutionary war, & I have a faint recollection of there being a Man of that name in the Regiment as to what time he served I can say nothing, for I was wounded & taken Prisoner on the 9th of October 1779 which must have been the same year he enlisted, & he must be under a mistake saying he joined the Regiment in 1780 -- for it was in 1779 the Regiment lay at Black Swamp, under the command of L^t C^o Comm^d A. McIntosh, that after such a lapse of time, I think he might easily mistake dates. The Regiment was originally commanded by Colonel Isaac Huger, & sometime before the Regiment went to Black Swamp, Huger was promoted to a Brigadier [General] & before the end of 1779 Lt. Col. McIntosh resigned, which may account for his not being on the pay roll. Lt.

³ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

⁴ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

Col. Peter Horry commanded the Regiment at Savannah. -- Given under my hand at Pendleton,
in the State of South Carolina this 2nd day of November 1819

S/ Sam Warren⁵

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Warren". The signature is enclosed in a simple rectangular border.

Capt. in the 5th So.
Co. Regt. during
the revolutionary
War

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Peter Rowland & Thomas Henderson

For Finance Division

Washington, DC February 25/73 [1873?]

Respectfully, referred to Pension Office with request that I may be informed of amount of arrears due in this case, and what will be necessary to be done in order to obtain the amount due for Claimant.

I am informed that Peter Rowland died in 1831, the month & day not known

S/ R. W. Walker, Attorney

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 20th, 1820, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental Line.]

⁵ [Samuel Warren BLWt1859-300](#)