

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Rice S40332

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To the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States

On oath administered to him according to law, before the Honorable the Circuit Court of Brackin [Bracken County] State of Kentucky on the 7th day of July 1818, the petition of James Rice a citizen of said County and State aged 63 years, most respectfully represents that being desirous of serving his country in her struggle for independence all that lay in his power he joined the Army of the United States by voluntary enlistment in July 1775 for two years at King William Court House under Captain Holt Richardson of Colonel Spotswood's [Alexander Spotswood] Regiment being the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, G1. [General] Woodford's [William Woodford] Brigade, from the Rendezvous was ordered with said Richardson's Company to Williamsburg Virginia then commanded by Colonel Spotswood – the 1st action engaged in was in the driving of Dunmore from Guinn's Island [Gwinn Island] after this encamped at Point loss [?]¹ on the Rappahannock River until October following, thence ordered with the whole of the command to York Town [Yorktown] Virginia where he performed garrison duty a few weeks only, when he was remanded to Williamsburg where he with the rest of the Troops stored his arms, ammunition &c in the United States Arsenal at that place, thence ordered direct under Colonel Clanahan [Alexander McClanahan also spelled McClanahan] to take up winter quarters in Philadelphia during which winter '75 – '76 was in several skirmishes and was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777], and served to the end of his enlistment being two years when he was Honorably discharged at the encampment of the 21 miles Stone above Philadelphia by General Stephenson [sic, Adam Stephen], just before said Stephenson was cashiered for cowardice² shown by him at the Battle of Germantown – Urged by the most extreme necessity being in indigent and reduced even distressed circumstances – unable to work, and no person to work for him, with a wife and five female children & three small boys incumbent on him, therefore he particularly stands in need of assistance from his Government for support.

Your petitioner most respectfully begs his name may be inscribed on the Invalid pension list roll of the United States authorized by a recent act of Congress passed for the benefit of the Officers, soldiers &c, &c of the revolutionary Army – and further your petitioner declares on oath as aforesaid that he knows no person in the Western country except his brother Philip Rice

Adam Stephen

¹
² Gen. Adams Stephen was court-martialed for un-officer like conduct and drunkenness at Germantown and was dismissed from the service

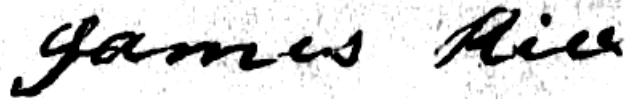
whom he could bring before these presents acquainted with his revolutionary services – And that he your petitioner is not in the habit of receiving, nor ever has received any pension from the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Attest

S/ John Payne

S/ James Rice

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Rice". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[f p. 36: On December 4, 1820 in Bracken County Kentucky, Philip R Rice gave a supporting affidavit in which she affirmed the services of the veteran as stated in his application. The affiant does not state that he served with the veteran or in any other service.]

[f p. 37]

Mason County, State of Kentucky: SS

Be it remembered that on this 3rd day of July 1821, before me William Duff the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph Franklin known to me to be a disinterested deponent and man of most respectable character and credibility; who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he knows the identical and before named James Rice to have enlisted to serve for the term of two years in the revolutionary war and on Continental establishment; first serving in the Regiment of Colonel Spotswood and then of that of Colonel McClanahan [sic], by the latter of whom, he the said James Rice was discharged in the year 1777 after having served two years; He however the said Joseph Franklin, thinks that when said Rice enlisted in 1775, said Spotswood was but a Major, but in what Regiment he does not know, nor of the circumstance of his only being a Major, is he positive: the said Joseph Franklin further swears as aforesaid that he knows the said James Rice to have been in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown.

S/ Wm Duff

S/ Joseph Franklin, X his mark

Schedule

1st Judicial District of Kentucky Bracken County & Circuit: Sct.

On this 30th day of July 1823 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid expressly made so by the laws of the State which created it and having the power of fine and imprisonment) James Rice aged about sixty-eight years a resident of said County and Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said James Rice enlisted for the term of two years in the month of October in the year of our Lord 1775 in the County of King William and at King William Courthouse State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Holt Richardson of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Spotswood, being as he thinks the 7th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the Service of the United States for the said two years of enlistment when in the month of October in the year of 1777 he was discharged from the said service at the twenty-five mile stone on the Philadelphia road in the State of Pennsylvania by Colonel McClanahan then commanding the Regiment, he said Rice then belonging to Captain Reuben Lipscomb's Company, that he was

in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and in several skirmishes and that he has no other evidence of his said services except the testimony of Philip R. Rice and Joseph Franklin who have both sworn to his said James Rice's aforesaid services and their oaths are attached to his original declaration and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 viz.

Land I have none I have one horse worth	\$20
one cow & one yearling both together worth	14.50
2 grown hogs worth \$4.50 & 15 small shoats worth	12.93 $\frac{3}{4}$
4 head of sheep at \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ each	4.50
1 plow worth \$1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 old Maddock at \$1	2.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 old ax worth 62 cents 5 old chairs at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ \$1.25	1.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 small old square table at \$1.50	1.50
2 old pewter dishes worth	1.00
7 pewter plates worth \$1.75 5 knives & 5 forks	2.50
one small pot 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 earthen plates 62 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.25
one set of tea cups & saucers	.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 grindstone	1.50
1 old gun	<u>4.00</u>
	\$68.81 $\frac{1}{4}$

This is all I know about \$2.33 has about \$1.05 due to me leaves \$1.28 in debt

And be it further remembered that the said James Rice swears in open Court as aforesaid that he has no trade, that he has living with him a wife aged between 45 and 47 a very weakly woman shortsighted and much afflicted with a violent cough and a son named Michael about 12 years old in good health at present, a daughter named Anitta about 9 years old a good deal troubled with the Rheumatism, Betsy about 7 or 8 years old, Cornelius between 5 & 6 years old, Parthuna about 3 years old, these children collectively or more and encumbrance than otherwise as before stated I am myself about 68 years of age diseased with a settled pain in my right side, and a tremor war palsy occasionally of my whole body, & have no trade that I am capable of following laboring altogether under a diseased body

S/ James Rice

[f p. 10: On October 7, 1833 in Brown County Ohio, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Ohio agency giving as his reason for moving that he owned no land in Kentucky and his son Philip agreed to give him a small tract of land and build him a house to live in during his life.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 30, 1823, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental service.]

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Addendum to James Rice S40332

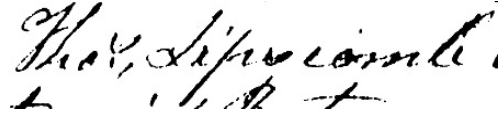
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 17 Feb 2020.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Temple Froman VAS3647.]

I do hereby certify that James Rice a Soldier in the Continental Army under Capt Holt Richerson [sic: Holt Richeson VAS1954] in the Seventh Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Alexander McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan VAS2033] served the full term of three years

Given under my hand this 12 day Jan'y 1815

Thos. Lipscomb [Thomas Lipscomb] Ensg'n
to said Reg't.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Lipscomb".

[other side]

King william County Wit. This day came Thomas Lipscomb personally before me, and made Oath to the within Certificate. Given under my hand as a Magistrate for the afore said County this 13th day January 1815

Christopher Johnson