

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Ridley S41980

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Scedule [sic, Schedule]

North Carolina, Burk [sic, Burke] County: Superior Court September Term 1823

This day came William Ridley, into open Court, being a Court of Record for the County and State aforesaid aged 84 years a cripple & unable to work & no family, resident in Burke County State of North Carolina, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit that he enlisted in the Company of Captain Micajah Lewis in the 4th Battalion of North Carolina in Continental establishment in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war in the Summer of 1778 on Dan River in the State of North Carolina that he served in the Battles of Stono, Rocky Mount and King's Mountain and discharged at __ South Carolina in August 1779 by Major John Armstrong after having faithfully served the term of nine months, the period of his enlistment – and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the US on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not in any manner whatsoever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it [so] as to be bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th of March 1818 & that I have not nor has any person for me in trust any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than Public charity being on the Poor List & that I have no other means of proving my service, than the annexed discharge.

S/ Wm Ridley

Sworn to in open Court this 25 September 1823

S/ Wm W. Erwin, Clerk

by

S/ Bacer Woodward

Deputy Clerk

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William Ridley Having completed his Term of Service (Nine Months) in the fourth Battalion, agreeable to Act of Assembly, he is hereby discharged and is entitled to all rugby Privileges specified in the Act of Assembly for completing the Continental Battalions of North Carolina.

Given under my Hand, this 10th day of August 1779.

S/ Jno. Armstrong, Majr.

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Raleigh 7th of November 1823

Sir

Your letter on the subject of William Ridley's application for a pension is received and attended

to. From the appearance of the Discharge attached to the Declaration of William Ridley, I firmly believe he performed the service therein mentioned. John Armstrong was a Major in the Continental line, and I am confident the signature "Jno. Armstrong" to the discharge is in the handwriting of the said John Armstrong. He was appointed Entry taker for Western lands after the close of the War and I have much of his writing in my office. I have always understood, the rolls of the Southern Army were very imperfectly kept if kept at all, so that I think the name of William Ridley not being found on the rolls might not defeat his application.

Very Respectfully your most Obt. Servt.
S/ Wm Hill

Jas. L. Edwards, Esq.