

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hezekiah Rhoades (Rhodes) S7385

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North Carolina Surry County

On this the 14th of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record and opened [?] and held as such this day for the County and State aforesaid, Hezekiah Rhodes of the County of Surry aforesaid aged sixty-eight years in February last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832: That he the said Hezekiah Rhodes entered the militia service of the United States in the fall of the year before the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown for two months in the company commanded by Captain William Dalton in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Holt Richardson in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia for the period of two months; that they marched from Albemarle County aforesaid to Cabin Point below Richmond; that on leaving the service he did not obtain a written or regular discharge –

And the said Hezekiah Rhodes further states that he again entered the service in the Spring of the year Cornwallis was taken, in the month of May as a drafted militia soldier under Captain John Miller in the Regiment commanded by Holt Richardson for the period of two months; that they marched to Richmond in Virginia: from thence to four mile Creek below Richmond; and at four mile Creek he turned out as a volunteer and marched to the Lines of the British Army between the Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills]; that on leaving the service the second time he did not receive a regular or written discharges –

And the said Hezekiah Rhodes further states that he again entered the service as a drafted militia Soldier in August of the year Cornwallis was taken, he thinks in 1781, under Captain John Miller in the County of Albemarle and in the Regiment commanded by Holt Richardson, Major Muckklehaney [McIlhaney] for the period of two months; the Brigade commanded by General Hugh Nelson; that they marched from Albemarle to Williamsburg where they were encamped till General Washington which ready to march to Yorktown before the siege of that place: that they remained before Yorktown till Cornwallis was captured [October 19, 1781], and then he the said Hezekiah Rhodes was ordered to Fredericksburg to guard the prisoners taken at the surrender of Yorktown; that he was taken sick at this place and was carried from thence in a wagon to Albemarle; that on leaving this his 3rd period of service he did not obtain a written or regular discharge; that having moved since 1819 from Albemarle in Virginia to Surry County in North Carolina he does not know that it is in his power to offer any proof of his said services except his own declaration as aforesaid –

And the said Hezekiah Rhodes further states that he would refer to the following persons as his neighbors capable of testifying to his character; [first name obliterated] Williams of the

County of Surry; Peter Clingman Merchant and postmaster wife [?] Huntsville¹ in said County;
the Reverend William Jean of the Methodist Church and the Reverend Joshua Carter of the
Baptist Church whose statements are hereto annexed –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid –

Test: S/ John Wright, Clk

S/ Hezekiah Rhoades

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hezekiah Rhoades". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

[Peter Clingman, merchant, Henry Poindexter, JP, Joshua Carter, a Baptist Minister, and William
Jean, Methodist Minister gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months
service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ *of Huntsville*