

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cornelius Rhodes S7387

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State of North Carolina Pasquotank County

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Dennis Dozier, Doctrin R. Perry, & Jesse S. Pool -- the Court of Pasquotank County now sitting Cornelius Rhodes a resident of Pasquotank County & State of North Carolina aged seventy four years 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He was drafted in the militia in Pasquotank County (now Camden) in the year __ and entered the service under Captain Henry Ford's who marched his company to Cross Creek and there we joined the Army under General Arrington [sic, William Henry Harrington] we remained at Cross Creek some time & then we marched to the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina and there we remained several months frequently sent out in search of refugees and bringing them in to our encampment -- We remained at the Cheraw Hills until my term of service expired (which was six months) then I was legal [sic] discharged by General Arrington what discharge I have lost my superior officers were Brigadier Major McIntosh & General Arrington the year I entered the service in the date of my discharge I do not recollect we had no engagements with [the] Enemy during my services we frequently had some skirmishes with the refugees --

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Camden County then Pasquotank did year I do not recollect

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer my age is recorded in a Bible which my son took with him to the State of Indiana about 4 years ago

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer when called into service I lived in Pasquotank County North Carolina (now Camden) I returned to Camden County after my term of service expired & there remained until I got married I then purchased lands in Pasquotank County & settled on them & live on them now.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was drafted in the militia of Pasquotank County then (now Camden)

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of

your service.

Answer my regular officers were Captain Forbis [Henry Forbes] Major McIntosh & General Arrington the regiments I do not recollect

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I did receive a discharge from the service given by General Arrington which discharge is lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer Abner Williams, Robert Morgan will testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Cornelius Rhodes, X his mark

[Abner Williams & Robert Morgan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Dennis Dozier, Doctrine R. Perry & Jesse S. Pool the court of Pasquotank County now sitting Thomas Linton¹ aged 77 years a resident of Camden County State of North Carolina who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he was well acquainted with Cornelius Rhodes before the Revolutionary War and that the said Cornelius Rhodes joined the Army under Captain Henry Forbes in the Militia of North Carolina at or about the same time he did we marched to Cross Creek and there we joined the Army under General Arrington after remaining at Cross Creek some time we marched to the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina and we remained in the Cheraw Hills South Carolina frequently sent out on scouting parties after refugees and bringing them in until all 6 months were out and the said roads was then discharged by General Arrington, the superior officers were Major McIntosh & General Arrington, the time of the discharge I do not recollect. I am now acquainted [with] the Cornelius Rhodes he is about the age of 74 years now resides in Pasquotank County North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above.

S/ Thomas Linton, X his mark

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The Amended declaration of Cornelius Rhodes made to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832

The Declarant in amendment says that in consequence of age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot specify the date of the service set out in his original Declaration any more particularly than he has already done in his original Declaration. He further says that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove said service excepting Thomas Linton whose testimony is already furnished to the Department.

In amendment of his Declaration he further says that on his return from the service as mentioned in his original Declaration he again entered the service for three months as a

¹ [Thomas Linton S7152](#)

substitute for William Jones and that before his term of three months had expired he was drafted to perform another Tour of Duty and on his return to his residence he found he was drafted and he immediately returned to the Army and that in this last service taking the time he served as a substitute and the time he served as a drafted soldier he served nine months -- This last service commenced in a few days after his return from the service mentioned in the original Declaration and continued until the 9 months expired without any intermission of time with the exception of a few days between the first 3 months which he served as a substitute for said William Jones and his returning upon his own draft. He cannot recollect the dates for the reasons heretofore aforesaid. He served as a soldier in Captain Enoch Dailin's Company of Cavalry and the station of the troops was at North West in Virginia during the whole term -- General Isaac Gregory of Camden County North Carolina had command of the Troops during the whole time he was at North West -- He did not until very lately know that he could produce any witness -- that he has lately learned from Jesse Perry² who came a few months since into his neighborhood from Currituck County that he knew him in the service at North West. The said Perry's testimony is here with annexed and he knows of no other person now living who knew him in the service or by whom he can prove it.

S/ Cornelius Rhodes, X his mark

Jesse Perry lately of Currituck County but now residing in Pasquotank County maketh oath that he was acquainted with Cornelius Rhodes (the applicant for a pension) during the Revolutionary War, that he knew him to be a soldier at North West during the war but he does not [know] how long he served nor does he recollect to whose company he belonged. He was himself a soldier at the same time & place and by that means became acquainted with the said Rhodes.

S/ Jesse Perry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jesse Perry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jesse Perry".

Sworn & subscribed before me the 12th of June 1833

S/ Samuel C. Moore, JP

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service in the North Carolina militia.]

² [Jesse Perry S8947](#)