

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Pope S8969

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term A.D. 1832

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before George W. Thompson, W T Hawks, William Fooshee, Esquires Justices of the Court aforesaid now sitting Richard Pope a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged 71 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He was drafted in the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina on the \_\_ day of May A.D. 1780 and joined the Company of North Carolina Militia Commanded by Captain McAdoo [John McAdow] and Lieutenant Coats he joined the Company at Martinsville in Guilford he marched with the company to Salisbury (Captain Abraham Phillips had the command of another company raised in Guilford who marched with us) he remained at Salisbury some time guarding the prisoners who were taken at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] from thence he marched to Cheraw in South Carolina near which he reached the Army of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] from thence he was marched towards Camden and joined General Gates [Horatio Gates'] Army near Rugeley's Mill and remained with him several days when he became sick and received a Furlough from Captain McAdoo and returned home he was employed and served in the above Tour three months he never received any written discharge from this occasion. He further states that some time after the battle of Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] being in the County of Richmond in the State of North Carolina he substituted himself in the place of John Robertson in the North Carolina Militia and joined a small body of Troops at Mask's Ferry<sup>1</sup> on Pee Dee [sic, Pedee River] under the Command of Frank Leak [probably John Leak]. They were stationed there to cut off the enemy communications and were not employed in any other service he was engaged at least two months in the above service when he was discharged at Mask's Ferry he received no written discharge of this Occasion. Sometime after his discharge as aforesaid he returned to Guilford County and Volunteered his services in the North Carolina [militia] and joined the Company commanded by Captain McAdoo he rendezvoused with the company of Colonel Paisley's [John Paisley's] where a number of troops were collected under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and Colonel Paisley – at this time the Enemy under the Command of Lord Cornwallis were in the neighborhood of Guilford he was employed with the troops until General Pickens was defeated at Whitesail's Mills [sic, Wetzel's Mills, March 6, 1781] on the waters of the Alamance he was not in the action having been dispatched a day or two previous with a number of horses which

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1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/masksfy.htm>

were considered useless to the Army – after which he did not Join the troops again he was actively engaged in the above service at least three months and was never regularly discharged therefrom.

He further states that some time after his discharge as aforesaid he was again drafted in Guilford County and joined the Company of North Carolina Militia under the Command of Captain McAdoo and rendezvoused at Centre Meeting house from thence he was marched to Buffalo Ford on the Deep River – this service was expanded in operations against the Tories in Chatham, Randolph and Montgomery Counties and particularly in trying to take Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] the Celebrated Tory – he was actively engaged three months in this service and was discharged in Guilford he has no recollection of having received a written discharge on this occasion. Sometime after his discharge as aforesaid he being on a visit in Richmond County he volunteered his services in a Company of Horseman commanded by Colonel Crawford [Thomas Crawford], their service was principally designed to act against the Tories and recover the Horses that were lost by the Whigs at the battle of Bettys Bridge<sup>2</sup> on Drowning Creek he was actively engaged with Colonel Crawford in the above service at least two months and was discharged by him in Richmond County he received no written discharge on this Occasion – he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person except William Ryan<sup>3</sup> Esq. whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatsoever, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State or Territory in the Union. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Pope, X his mark

[Jacob Hadley and Absalom Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

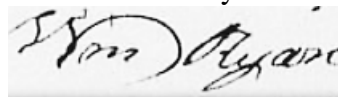
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State of North Carolina, Guilford County

This day William Ryan came before me John A. Mebane one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of aforesaid, who after being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God to depose the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth deposed & saith as follows to wit that he knew Richard Pope son of Charles Pope that he knew that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War that he went with Captain McAdoo a three months tour in the year 1780 – I saw him there in the service after this time while the British were in this part of the State he went again with Captain McAdoo to the lower part of the State after the Tories.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this fifth day of September 1832.

S/ Wm Ryan



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State of North Carolina Guilford County

This Day came John McBride<sup>4</sup> Before me one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid who after being Sworn in due form of Law to depose the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth depose & saith as follows, that he knew Richard Pope Son of Charles Pope that he knew that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War that he went with

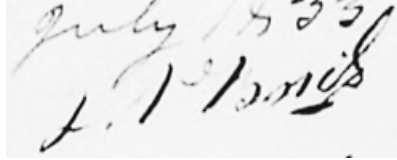
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<sup>2</sup> Sic, Beatti's Bridge, August 4, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattysbridge.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_beattis\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html)

<sup>3</sup> [William Ryan S7436](#)

<sup>4</sup> [John McBride W4730](#)

Captain McAdoo & myself as Lieutenant a three months Tour in the year 1781. I knew of his Serving another three months Term under Captain McAdoo when I was not with said Company but saw him several times during said Service in the same year as before stated or the year before that the said Pope he Believes Remained in the Service till the End of the War That he often saw him after the times above mentioned but never was in the Same Company with him After. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 July 1833

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "July 1833" followed by a name that is partially obscured but likely "J. J. Pope".

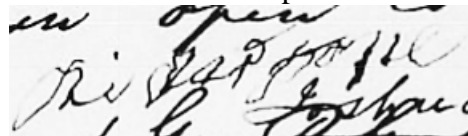
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State of North Carolina, Chatham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this day 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1833 Richard Pope appeared in open Court and after being duly sworn, deposed and saith in addition to what is contained in his annexed declaration and in answer to the objections made thereto at the Pension office, which objections hath been exhibited to him, That he served as stated in his declaration and was in actual service at least one year and one month and was during that time engaged in no civil pursuit; that he since filing his said declaration he has been able to procure the testimony of John McBride as to a portion of that Service, that he knows of no other living witness by whom he can prove his other service. In answer to the seven interrogatories contained in the printed Circular from the War Department, he states, that he was born in the year 1761. That he has seen a family record of his age in the possession of his brother the Reverend George Pope from which he took a transcript; that when called into service he lived in the County of Guilford where he continued until he moved into the County of Chatham where he has lived ever since – that he had was called into service as stated in his former declaration and under the officers therein stated, that he does not now recollect of ever having received a written discharge – that he has lived in the neighborhood in which he now resides nearly 40 years that he has never heard his character for veracity questioned by his neighbors and that there is no clergyman living immediately in his vicinity.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above stated in open Court.

S/ Richard Pope

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Pope".

[Joseph Holliday & Joshua Hadley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina militia.]