

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Riggan S9054

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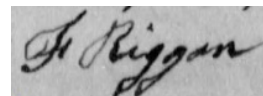
State of No. Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Warren County }

On this 29th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court Francis Riggan, a resident of the County of Warren & State of No. Carolina aged 68 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 7th 1832.

That he was born (as he has been told, for he has no record of his birth) in the County of Bute (now Warren) State of No. Carolina on the 7th of March A.D. 1764. On the 10th of February, 1781, as well as he now remembers, he was drafted in the militia service on a tour of duty for three months. his captains name was Jordan Harris long since dead, of the County of Bute aforesaid. After being drafted he and several others from the same County, all of whom are now dead, except Jos. Wren [Joseph Wren, pension application W18386], whose affidavit accompanies this Declaration, met the militia from the other counties around; at the place of rendezvous – at Sixpound Creek in Bute, now Warren County. Genl. Thomas Eaton & Col. Herbert Haines [sic: Herbert Haynes] were his commanding officers. From the place of rendezvous we marched to Harrisburg (now Oxford) in Bute [sic] (now Granville County) [several illegible words] we proceeded westerly to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] N. C. From Hillsboro to the High Rock Ford on Haw River [in Rockingham County] – here we changed officers – and Col. Benjamin Williams of the continental army took command of the division to which this affiant belonged. From the High Rock Ford we marched direct to Guilford C. House No. Car. where an engagement took place with the enemy [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. This affiant was not in the action being taken sick some days before & ordered to accompany the Baggage Waggons. In the great confusion that attended the retreat at Guilford C.H. the affiant was separated entirely from the Waggons, and indeed from all company, and after rambling on for some time at length joined the main army at the [Troublesome] Iron Works, the place of rendezvous, where they had again collected. From the Iron Works the army marched after the enemy but this affiant having not recovered was still ordered with others to accompany the baggage. at Ramsey's Mills [in Chatham County] on Deep River they were near overtaking the British forces who had just passed on a Bridge of rails or [illegible word] erected for the purpose. Here from some cause the pursuit was abandoned – and the best of the army was selected and sent to Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. Among those left at the Mills was this affiant. after recovering there some weeks he was marched to a place called Rheunathys[?] in Wake Co. N.C. and discharged about 10th May 1781. He being at that time very young gave his discharge to his father & has never seen it since.

On the 1st of July following he was again drafted for 3 mos. All who went with him on this last tour are dead. His Captain's name on this Tour was Nathan Turner. He was marched from Warren to Tarboro in Edgecombe Co. N.C. from Tarboro marched to Kingston [sic: Kinston] N.C. from Kingston we crossed Neuse River and marched to a place called Richland Chapel. here we were stationed for several weeks. Our object on this Tour was to keep the Tories in check, who were at this time very troublesome in that section of the State. after taking many tories & traversing this whole country we were discharged and returned home. His discharge is lost.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension role of the Agency of any State whatever.



NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that Littleton F. Riggan, the executor of Francis Riggan's estate, received the final pension payment up to the date of the pensioner's death, 20 Feb 1847.