

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Rigby S9057

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832  
Duplin County }

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, the Court aforesaid now in session Jno Rigby a resident in the county and state aforesaid sixty nine years of age 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated In the year 1780 he entered in the County of Duplin and served with him three tours of three months each during this service he marched from Duplin County to Cross Creek now Fayetteville thence to Grassey Island on Pee Dee River [Grassy Islands at Anson and Richmond counties] thence to Camden South Carolina where the troops to which he belonged joined Genl [Horatio] Gates Army Was in the Battle of Camden [16 Aug 1780] when Gen'l Gates was defeated after that retreated back into North Carolina afterward joined Capt Loves [James Love's] Company & served another tour of three months during which term went to New Hanover County & served the immediate country when Capt Love was surprised & killed at Alex'r Rouses house [Rouse's Tavern in Mar 1781] at the little Bridge above Wilmington. That he again entered the service under Capt James Gillespie as a Volunteer in the Light Horse & served under him three tours of three months each most of this tour he was engaged in scouring the country in pursuit of the Tories his Company of Light Horse was attached to Col. James Kenan's Regiment.

And he further Declares that he resided in the County of Duplin at the time he entered the service aforesaid and that he still resides there.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 [signed] John Rigby

Questions propounded by the Court.

1<sup>st</sup>. Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in the County of Duplin on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1768.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

Answer. I have & it is at home

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into service Where have you lived since and where do you now live

Answer In the County fo Duplin

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service

Answer I have already detailed that as fully as I can

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served & such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services.

Answer. I recollect Capt. Benj. Coleman & Capt Joseph Rhodes Gen'l. Williams Col. Caswells [Richard Caswell's] Regiment & others. I have already stated as many details as I remember

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given & what has become of it.

Answer. I received several discharges from Capt. Love & Gillespie they have been burned in my house about 25 years ago

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in the neighbourhood you live in & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Col. Thomas Kenan Thomas Philips John Walkins Esqr & Hugh McCann Esqr.

8<sup>th</sup>. Is there ay Clergyman in your neighbourhood.

Answer. There is not.