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Pension application of Edward Rippy S9059

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: May the 17th A.D. 1834

On this 17th day of May 1834 personally appeared before me Benjamin Ellis a justice of the peace in and for the County of Rutherford in the State of North Carolina Edward Rippy a resident of Rutherford County North Carolina, aged 70 -- 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1780 and he believes in September of that year as a drafted [word obliterated] for 3 months in the cavalry company of Captain George Hodge, Lieutenant Crawford & Ensign Baldrige, that he marched through the southern part of North Carolina on the Pedee River & Cape Fear [River] that he marched to Cheraw Hills in South Carolina & returned back and was discharged near Fayetteville North Carolina. He was at Cheraw just after it was burnt, was in no particular engagement only some skirmishing at times with the Tories, he was ordered out by General Butler [John Butler] & formed a part of the Regiment of Colonel Taylor --

That he volunteered for 3 months under the same Captain Hodge in the succeeding 1781 in February in Orange County North Carolina for the purpose of joining General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army, but was taken prisoner by part of the British Army before they could join General Greene and a few days before the Battle of Guilford Court-house North Carolina and was retained a prisoner by the British for 5 or 6 months he is certain until in August or September -- he was carried to Wilmington North Carolina shortly after the Battle of Guilford and kept on board a British vessel until he was exchanged in August or September & he then returned home and Orange County. He was afterwards drafted in the spring of 1782 for 3 months & was called into the service by the order of General Butler he does not recollect the name of his Captain -- he performed the service of 3 months at Hillsboro North Carolina the object of this service was to keep the Tories in subjection as they were very numerous about Hillsboro & it was apprehended they would burned the town -- there were several hundred in the same service he thinks about 5 or 600 -- That he was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1764. That he has a record of his age and the family Bible which was left by his father, that he was living in Orange County when he was called into service, that he left Orange County 40 odd years ago & removed to Rutherford County, where he has lived ever since and where he now lives. That he entered the service twice as a drafted soldier and once as a volunteer. That he was acquainted with Colonel Taylor, Captain Guinn -- Captain Hodge, General Butler etc. -- That

he does not recollect that he ever received any written discharge if he did he does not recollect it thinks he was discharged verbally. That he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whom he can procure except the evidence of Wm Elmore.¹ He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. He is acquainted with George Wilkie -- a preacher of the gospel in his present neighborhood & Abednego Adams a citizen of his neighborhood and that through the infirmity of old age & because of the distance he is unable to go to the Courthouse without risk & inconvenience.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Benjamin Ellis, JP

S/ Edward Rippy, X his mark

[George Wilkie, a clergyman, and Abednego Adams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following interrogatories were put by the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: On this 28 day of September 1832 personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid William Elmore who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration that he was acquainted with Edward Rippy in the year 1780 and that he knew him to be in the Militia Service of North Carolina and that they both entered the service as well as deponent can recollect in September of the year 1780 to serve 3 months in the Cavalry service the officers were Captain George Hodge, Lieutenant Crawford and Ensign Baldrige. Our place of residence was at that time in Orange County and State of North Carolina and also in the following year viz.: eighty-one in February they both had volunteered their services to serve another tour under the same Captain Hodge when before they could join any Army they were taken prisoners by the British Army and continued him [sic] said Edward Rippy for about 5 or 6 months as a prisoner until he was exchanged for -- Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Edw. Rippey, JP

S/ William Elmore, E his mark

[fn p. 14: in a power of attorney dated July 28, 1852, Edward Rippy described himself as then

¹ [William Elmore S8414](#)

being a resident of Cleveland County North Carolina.]