

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Rigsby S9060

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State of North Carolina
Wake County
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
November Term 1832

On this the 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wake, NC a now sitting, James Rigsby a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 69 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 entered the service of the U States in the Continental line in the year 1782.~~

That he is a native of Sampson County NCa where he was living when he enlisted in the Continental service in the year 1782 for the term of 12 months under Capt Mills [James Mills] & Major MCree [Griffith John McRee or McRae] - Under these officers he marched into South Carolina to a place called Pond Ponds [Pon Pon, North Edisto River]- which was the head quarters of the army under the command of Gen Greene. There he was stationed for some considerable time - & thence he was marched across Ashley River above Charleston a few miles & there continued until his 12 months expired -- This Declarant states that he belonged to the 10th Regiment of the Continental line of this State & that he believes he entered the service on the 10th of January in the year 1782. He further states that he once had a record of his age but that it is now lost.

That he has lost his discharge & that he has been constantly residing in Wake County ever since the close of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

James (his R mark) Rigsby

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter & after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a soldier of the Revolution & served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Jacob Bletcher¹ who has signed the accompanying Deposition is a credible witness & that his statement is entitled to full credit.

~~I Ben S. King Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions do hereby certify~~

And that the above named witnesses who have been examined & have signed the [?] certificate as to the character of James Rigsbee for veracity & as to the reputation of his neighbourhood for having served in the war are also entitled to full credit.

We the undersigned Benjamin Rogers & Mark Grady do certify that James Rigsby who now applies for a pension from the War Department under the act of Congress June 7th 1832 is reputed & believed in the neighbourhood in which he resides to have served in the revolutionary war & that the aforesaid applicant is regarded as a man of truth.

[signatures] Benj Rogers

Mark Grady

¹ FPA S39198

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State of North Carolina Wake County: October 6 1832

Personally appeared before me one of the acting justices of the Peace in and for the County of Wake Jacob Bletcher who being duly sworn deposed & saith -- that he is at this time a resident of Bedford County, State of Tennessee & that he was born & raised in the County of Wake, North Carolina & was a resident of the latter County & State during the revolutionary war. He states that he is now well acquainted with James Rigsbee [sic] of the County of Wake North Carolina who makes application for a pension for his revolutionary services -- & states that of his own knowledge that said James Rigsbee did serve in the Revolutionary war for the term of 12 months -- for that they both served in the same Regiment.

This deponent further maketh oath, that his name now stands upon the pension list -- & that he has been, for several years past drawing a pension for his Revolutionary Services --

He moreover states that he is now on a temporary visit to this State & will be unable without great inconvenience to be here, so as to give this evidence in behalf of the services of the aforesaid James Rigsby before any Court of Record of this County & State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 6th day of October 1832

S/ Thomas G. Scott, JP

S/ Jacob Bletcher, X his mark

State of North Carolina Wake County

Be it known that on this 19th day of March 1835, came James Rigsby of the County aforesaid, aged about 70 years or upwards (he has no register of his age) before me Thomas G. Scott a Justice of the peace in and for the said County and made oath, that his name is not on the pension roll of any State except the State of North Carolina. That he never applied for a pension before that allowed by the United States under a certificate dated the 5th of March 1833, for the sum of \$40 per annum, and the reason why he did not apply sooner is that he owned property to a larger amount than a soldier could own and become a pensioner. He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension save that allowed by the certificate aforesaid, bearing date 5th March 1833, 4 \$40 per annum.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date first above mentioned

S/ Thomas G. Scott, JP

S/ James Rigsby, R his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 8th of February 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that James Rigsby a private in Captain Coleman's company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 10th of January 1782 for 12 months. The time of his discharge is not mentioned.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

Raleigh 19th March 1835

James L. Edwards Esquire, Commissioner of Pensions

Sir

Your letter of the 21st Ultimo to James Rigsby of this County, a pensioner, is now before me, stating some defects in Mr. Rigsby's declaration, which I have been trying to aid him to remedy, and here enclosed depositions which I hope will remove all objections to his continuing to draw his pension. I have known Mr. Rigsby for several years past, and believe him an honest upright man, one that would not ask anything of his government that was not just.

Very respectfully Your Obedient Servant,

S/ Wm Hill [at this time, William Hill was the Secretary of State for the State of North Carolina]