

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rice S9064

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State of North Carolina County of Granville} Sc

On this 9th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, now sitting -- in open Court, John Rice a resident of said County aged Seventy-Nine 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 in the County of Westmorland, State of Virginia on the 12th day of August 1752, that he was brought by his parents at an early age to this State -- that he has no record of his age, but has no doubt the foregoing account of his age is correct, -- that at the commencement of the War of the Revolution & ever since he has lived in the Counties of Warren & Granville, but mostly in the latter County -- that shortly after Gates defeat¹ he volunteered for a tour of three months, at a place then called [illegible word due to being written over, may have been "Harrisburg"] in the County of Granville in a Company of militia commanded by Capt. William Gilliam -- that he marched with his company to Salisbury & there joined a Regiment of which William Moore was the Col., & Elijah Moore the Major -- the whole under the command of General Butler [John Butler] -- that he was marched westwardly to Salisbury where General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] took command, & continued the march to a place called the Six Mile Creek -- that he continued in the Western part of this State until the expiration of his term of service when he & some others of his Company were brought back to Granville by Capt. Gilliam and discharged -- that he received no discharge in writing.

That sometime afterwards he joined a company as a volunteer under Capt. Thomas Rice, which was ordered to the Roanoke [River], & he continued to the best of his recollection three months in that company, the greater part of the time engaged in supplying the Army with provisions by fishing in the Roanoke -- that being the duty assigned to his company -- He received his discharge from Capt. Rice, but he does not recollect that it was in writing -- That sometime afterwards he was drafted on a tour of three months Granville Court House, under one Capt. Badgett, as he thinks, though he has no distinct recollection of his name -- and after continuing in the Company about a week, they were ordered by Col. Pulliam [sic, Major Barnett Pulliam] to return to their respective homes subject to a future call but no call for further service was ever made upon him.

¹ Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780

This affiant states that the on the persons who have actual knowledge of his services whose testimony he can be procured our Shadrach Owen² & William Weaver.³

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Rice, X his mark

[Williams Harris and Leslie Gilliam gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina County of Granville: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

At this term personally appeared in open Court before the Justices thereof Shadrach Owen a resident of said County who being duly sworn according [to law] deposeth & saith as follows --

He has been acquainted with John Rice of the County of Granville for nearly 60 years. He served a tour of duty of 3 months as he thinks with said Rice in the militia service about the time of Gates defeat -- & he knows that John Rice for whose benefit this deposition is taken is the very same person with whom he served as aforesaid.

S/ Shadrach Owen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shadrach Owen". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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At this Term personally appeared in open Court before the Justices thereof William Weaver a resident of the County of aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith as follows -- That he has been acquainted with John Rice who made the foregoing declaration many years -- that he served a tour of 3 months with him in the same Company under Capt. William Gilliam in the Western part of this State, in the War of the Revolution.

S/ William Weaver, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

² [Shadrach Owen \(Owens\) W5459](#)

³ [William Weaver S7863](#)