

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Ricks S9071

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

On this 29th day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting, Edmund Ricks aged 74 – a resident of the County of Pitt North Carolina, who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th, 1832.

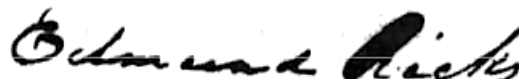
That he was born in Surry County Virginia March 16th 1759 according to the family record which has been preserved in Residing in Surry County he was drafted into the service of the United [States] and attached to a company commanded by Captain John Cock [John Cocke] of which company Henry Crafford [sic Henry Crawford] was Lieutenant. The Regiment to which this Company belonged was commanded by Colonel Allen fock [sic ?]¹ – He was employed during this tour of three months upon James River in Virginia. He received no regular discharge but served out the period for which he had been drafted. – This was in the fall of 1776

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In March 1777 he removed with his mother to North Carolina and settled in Pitt County – in 1781 – he was drafted for another three months year [sic, tour] and was attached to a company commanded by Captain John Mayo – who was soon succeeded by Captain John Moye and Jesse Moye Lieutenant. He does not recollect the Regiment but it was commanded by Colonel Richard Dobbs Spaight [Richard Dobbs Speight]– he was aided in command by Major Sitgraves. He was employed upon Neuse River and pursued the Tories up and down Country bordering on that River. He was first Sergeant in this company – and was ultimately discharged at Smithfield.

The facts stated in the first clause of this declaration he has no documentary evidence to substantiate. Those stated in the last he sustains by the oath of John Bryan who served with him.

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 any agency of any State.

S/ Edmund Ricks



I John Bryan² do hereby certify that I was with Edmund Ricks in the three months Tour he

¹ Col. Allen fock R.

² [John Bryan W5914](#)

performed in the company of Captain John Moye as stated in the second clause of his declaration and believe the facts stated by him to be substantially correct –

S/ John Bryan, X his mark

[Michael Hearn and Henry Austin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: April 22, 1833

Personally appeared before me Charles G Hunter a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Edmund Ricks who being duly sworn deposed and saith. –

That he was induced to make his declaration in Edgecombe County, he residing in Pitt, for the accommodation of his witness John Bryan who resides nearer the Court House in the former than in the latter County, which said witness by reason of great bodily affliction is carried with great difficulty from place to place. – He did not procure the certificate of a clergyman for the reason of none being resident in Tarboro. – For the support of the fact of his service as 1st Sergeant he refers to the certificate of John Bryan who served in same company.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Chas. G. Hunter, JP

S/ Edmund Ricks

[Facts in file: there is a letter dated March one, 1855 in which the author refers to the veterans daughter informing him that her father died in September 1836; there is also testimony that Edmund ricks married Rebecca Little in Pitt County North Carolina; that Edmund ricks died in Pitt County and Rebecca his wife died in Edgecombe County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia; his pension was increased to \$25 per annum on February 22, 1834.]