

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lot Rich S9076

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State of North Carolina Sampson County

On this the 21st day of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Whitner Royal Esquire, David Underwood, Esquire, William Kirby Esquire Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Sampson County now sitting Lopp Rich a resident of Sampson County and State of North Carolina aged about sixty-eight 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 the 7th A.D. 1832.

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

That he entered the service as a private soldier under the command of Captain Jonathan Taylor in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Brown, Major Stephen Anderson being the next officer in command to the said Brown as a volunteer at Matthew's muster ground on the Six Runs in Duplin (now Sampson County) at the age of about sixteen years, it being the first muster he ever mustered bearing arms) on the first or between the 1st and 10th day of December A.D. 1780 for the term of 3 months. That he first marched to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) where he was stationed one month & we marched from thence to Cheraw in the State of South Carolina on Reedy River, where he was stationed a week or ten days. That he was then with a guard of twenty-five marched under the command of Lieutenant John Philyard [?] detailed to guard some public stores consisting of meal, rice and fifty-seven beef cattle sent to Cross Creek where he remained 4 days. That with the aforesaid guard of 25 under command of said Philyard, he was then marched to Cole's Bridge on Drowning Creek where he was stationed to guard a depot & public stores until about the 1st of March, when the Tories to the number of about 300 under the command of Colonel Hector McNeil attacked the said guard & took possession of the stores. That during said attack this declarant received a wound from a musket ball in his left arm. That he then proceeded home by the way of Cross Creek which place he reached bare headed having lost his hat in the engagement with the Tories, reached home on the 10th of March 1781 and on the 10th of said month at Duplin Court House received a discharge from the hands of Captain Jonathan Taylor. That in this term of service he is positive he served in the full term of 3 months or more. This declarant further swears that afterwards in the year 1781 on the last of August or first of September of that year he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for the term of 3 months in its Army in the Militia of North Carolina at Duplin Court House as a private soldier under Southy Fisher [?] as Captain and Solomon Sessoms as Lieutenant in company with about one hundred men under the command of Colonel James Moore of Sampson County (then Duplin). That he was marched with the said command to one Clayton's on the

North East branch of Cape Fear River just below the Big Bridge on said River in New Hanover County, where he was stationed a week, that he was then stationed at said bridge for a week, and was then marched to General James Kenan's in Duplin County. Where he was stationed as a guard over some Tories which had been taken prisoners where he remained for the balance of the Term of service which he swears was for a 3 months, in this last service under Captain Fisher who signed the discharge -- which he has lost.

This declarant swears that he has no documentary evidence of his service, that he knows of no one living that can prove his service except one John Peterson¹ now living in Sampson County who served with him about 6 weeks in his first Term of service. That he has lost his discharges having supposed they would never be of any service to him.

Questions propounded by the Court to the aforesaid Lot Ridge and his answers to the same upon oath

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the State of South Carolina and left there at a very young age in the year as I believe 1763 or 1764

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

Answer -- I have not --

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

Answer, own Great Cohara [Coharie?] Creek in Duplin (now Sampson County --

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

Answer -- I volunteered for each term of my service --

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.

Answer -- he remembers that Major Davis [?] a regular officer was recruiting at Cheraw & Fayetteville & that Hardy Holmes was officer in the regular Army was also recruiting at General Kenan's in Duplin at the time of the declarant's 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?

Answer -- I have stated the truth as to this in the above declaration.

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.

Answer -- James Moore, Joseph Moore, Colonel David Underwood and the Reverend Philip Herrington

The said Lot Rich hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written.

Test: Thomas J. Faison, Clerk

S/ Lot Rich

[Philip Herrington, a clergyman, Joseph Moore and James Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [John Peterson S7303](#)

November 30 1833

A Deposition of John Peterson [on] oath respecting of the Revolution of Lott Rich Snr. services in the Revolutionary War Depoeth & saith as follows Entering into served under Captain Jonathan Tailor's [Taylor] for the time of 3 months to which John Peterson served with him 6 weeks, or more, thence separated on Pedee [River] at Tailor's [Taylor's] ferry, then sent off on Different attachments then the said John Peterson says that he never saw the said Lott Rich anymore till he returned home then found him wounded in the arm the said John Peterson further states that the field officers to which they belonged was General Linington [Lillington], Colonel Brown & Major Stephen Anderson.

S/ John Peterson, X his mark

Sworn to before me day and date above

S/ David Underwood, JP