

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Riggs¹ S9079 Martha

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State of North Carolina Surry County

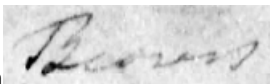
On this 16th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before H. W. Waugh, Wm G. Haynes & Samuel H Jones of the County Court of Surry County now sitting John Riggs a resident of the County aforesaid aged 84 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the year ~~__under Captain Evans~~ and served in the __ Regiment of the Virginia line under Captain Richard Evans Lieutenant Price Posey & Colonel Thomas Blackburn & marched towards the North & fought at the battle of Brandy Wine [Brandywine September 11, 1777] for this term he volunteered for nine months.

He afterwards volunteered for 6 months in Prince William County Virginia under the same officers during which term he was engaged in the battle with the British in which the latter were defeated the name of the battle not recollected but he believes the White Plains. He then volunteered for 3 months in Prince William County under the same officers except the Colonel was in this case was Grifs[word runs off the edge of the paper, but based on later text, I think the name is "Grissom"] to meet the British at the mouth of Quantico Creek. He then volunteered for 3 months in the same County under the same officers & for 2 months of that time he was hired a substitute by the name of Henry [indecipherable last name starting with a B]² the other months he served himself – He afterwards moved to [word too faint to discern] County North Carolina where he volunteered and served four months in the light horse service against the Tories under Captain John Lopp Lieutenant William Bodenheimer [?] & General Rintherford [probably Griffith Rutherford] his head quarters during this term was at Mongoe's Ferry on the Yadkin River during this term his Captain was taken by the Tories & carried into the British camps when the British lay at Guilford Courthouse and was sent by the British to Charleston where he was legally exchanged & During this term this declarant was appointed with nine others by General Rutherford to escort the Governor of North Carolina from Mungoe's Ferry to Salisbury. When the battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] took place he was near Mongoe's Ferry engaged against the Tories. He received 3 discharges from Colonel Blackburn and one from Colonel Grissom – all of which have been lost for his tour in North Carolina he received no written discharges. He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose

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² him



testimony he can procure to testify to his service. He further swears that there is no preacher living in his neighborhood whose testimony he can procure. To the 7 interrogatories required by the War Department to be put he answers as follows

To the 1st Question Answer Prince William County Virginia the year not recollected

To 2nd do. Answer I have none

To 3rd do. Ans. Prince William County except when called out the last time & then in Rowan North Carolina since the revolution I have lived in Grayson Virginia & Rowan, Stokes & Surry North Carolina in the last of which Counties I now live

To fourth do. Ans. A volunteer

To 5th do. Answer I have forgotten them

6th do Answer in the body of the declaration

7th do – Answer John York & M. M. Hughes

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jno. Wright, CCC

S/ John Riggs, X his mark

[John York & M. M. Hughes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. On June one, 1855 in Oregon County Missouri, Martha Riggs, 72, a resident of Lein [?] Township of Oregon County Missouri filed a claim for the bounty land due her as the widow of John Riggs a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Surry County North Carolina on the date she does not recall; that they were married by William Dobson, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Martha Peterson; that her husband died at his residence in Surry County North Carolina sometimes she thinks in 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the veteran died April 30, 1837 in Surry County North Carolina; that is no information in this file regarding the children, if any, of the veteran and his wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of infantry for 23 months in the Virginia and North Carolina service.]