

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Riddle (Riddel)¹ W11132 Jemima f88VA
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia County of Fauquier

On this 14th day of August personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace of Fauquier County William Riddle a resident of Fauquier County and state of Virginia aged 82 years the 1st of next month 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.

Question 1st under what officer did you serve the time when you were drafted and when discharged

Answer by William Riddle that he thinks about the first of October in the year 1775 he served under Captain William Pickett of this County and went to Williamsburg does not recollect how long he was gone or when discharged, he served as drummer, he can't recollect the number of the Regiment.

Question 2nd. What year were you born & where –

Answer, Says he was born as he has been informed in the year [paper torn, text missing] the 1st September, has know [no] record of his age, he was born in the Town of Bonbrook [Boundbrook] in the Jerseys he left there at about the age of eighteen years and has lived in this County (Fauquier) ever since except a short time.

Question 3rd. Where did you live when called into service where have you lived since & where do you now live

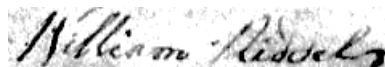
Answer I lived in the County of Fauquier at the time I first went into the service. I have lived here ever since except a short time just across the line in the County of Culpeper adjoining

Question Were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute

Answer that he has know [no] recollection that he was drafted thinks that he volunteered as a drummer first under Captain Pickett as above and believes that Thomas Marshall was the Colonel then under Captain Turner Morehead (in Colonel Churchill's [Armistead Churchill's] Regiment) the next tower [tour] he went out under Captain Helm [Thomas Helm] in Colonel Elias Edmonds Regiment and was at the siege of York

William Riddle of the County of Fauquier do hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll (as he knows) of the agency of any state.

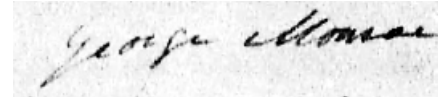
S/ William Riddel



¹ BLWt34936-160-55

I do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Riddle the above applicant for a pension and that I served with him he being a drummer 2 tours the one commencing the 1st of November 1780 and ending May 1781 and the other commencing September 1st 1781 and ending the last of November 1781

S/ George Monroe²



Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Fauquier, State of Virginia William Riddle who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; I volunteered as a drummer 1st under Captain William Pickett, in the minute service I think in the year of 1775 I served in that tour I think [indecipherable word, could be "seven"]³ months not less – again I went under Captain Turner Morehead for a tour of 3 months; in the year 1780 or 1781 Colonel Churchill commanded the Regiment; I was drafted or [paper torn, text missing] again in the fall of 1781 under Captain Helm Regiment commanded by Colonel Elias Edmonds I was at the siege of York, and served a tour of 3 months I served in every case as a drummer.

Given under my hand this 1st day of June 1833 [last digit obliterated]

S/ Joseph Chilton

State of Virginia County of Fauquier: SS: On this 25th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace of the aforesaid County, William Riddle a resident of Fauquier County and State of Virginia aged eighty-three 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.

I entered the service of the United States as a minute man, in the fall of 1775 under Captain William Pickett: I have not a distinct recollection of the time we served but it was six or seven months I think though I am not certain so long ago it has been that Thomas Marshall commanded the Regiment. I was marched to Williamsburg to Norfolk and we served the whole time in that Country – I went from the County of Fauquier I entered the service again in the fall of 1780 under Captain Turner Morehead, we were marched to Williamsburg: and after the staying there for some time him, we were ordered to Richmond: and put under the command of General Lafayette, we returned in the spring of 1781 that tour was for three months but we served rather longer Colonel Churchill commanded the Regiment; I entered the service again in the fall of 1781 under the command of Captain Helm, Colonel Elias Edmonds commanded the Regiment I think it was in the month of September and served a three month tour in which tour the siege of Yorktown took place; I served in all about one year.

Q. In what year were you born and where

Ans. I was born in the year 1751 in the town of Bonbrook in the Jerseys he left there at about the age 18 years and has lived in Park where ever since except a short time.

² [George Monroe S46060](#)

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Q. Where did you live when called into service where have you since lived and where do you now live. Ans. In Fauquier County except a very short time in Culpeper County

Q. How were you called into service;

Ans. I think I volunteered as a drummer in all three cases

I William Riddle do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and do declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

S/ William Riddle

I George Monroe a revolutionary soldier of the United States do certify that I am well acquainted with the above applicant. That there is no man whom I would believe sooner; I served with him two tours in the fall of 1780 nearly four months ending in the spring of 1781 and another tour in the fall of 1781 of 3 months in which time the siege of Yorktown took place: that he was a drummer and served as he states and from the character of the man I have not the smallest doubt of his having served the tour in 1775 as he states.

Subscribed and sworn to this 5th day of September 1833

S/ George Monroe

[f p. 17: On January 24, 1855 in Fauquier County Virginia, Jemima Riddle, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Riddle, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she was married to him 1793; that her husband died in Fauquier County Virginia in 1838; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 22: On August 14, 1855 in Fauquier County Virginia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she married her husband in the year 179_[last digit left blank] in the house of Michael Fox in Fauquier County; that they were married by the Reverend Olly Bashaw, a Methodist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Jemima Latham. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the veteran died July 1, 1839 in Fauquier County Virginia; his widow died January 25, 1866 in the house of Mrs. Elizabeth Burke in Warrington Virginia or in Culpeper County, Virginia, both statements appear in documents in this file. There is no reference in this file to any children of the veteran and his wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private full one-year in the Virginia militia.]