

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Rigsby (Rigsbee)W1490 Cynthia fn56NC
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The district of North Carolina

On this 8th day of February 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Frederick Rigsby aged about sixty-six years, resident in Wake County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declarations in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Frederick Rigsby enlisted, early in the revolutionary war, in Surry County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Phillips of the 4th Regiment, in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, in the war aforesaid, for the term of three years; that he continued to serve in the said company & in Captain Jos. Reid's company of the 2nd Regiment, to which he was transferred until the end of his said enlistment, when he was discharged from service at Paramus, not far from New York, which discharge he delivered up when he obtained his land warrant & has not seen it since; that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown & Monmouth; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

The aforesaid Frederick Rigsby, on oath, further declares, that he enlisted as stated in the aforesaid declaration, was in the month of May, but in what year he cannot positively say; he says, however, that it was soon after war was declared, and enlistments first commenced in North Carolina; and to the best of his recollection, it was in the year 1776 -- and that he was discharged the first day of May -- and to the best of memory in the year 1779. Sworn to & declared before me at Raleigh in the District aforesaid the 13th of July 1819

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

State of North Carolina Wake County

Declaration of Frederick Rigsby in order to be placed on the pension list under the Act of the 18th March 1818.

Wake County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions.

On this 22nd day of February 1827, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record, having the power to fine & imprison with unlimited jurisdiction, for the County aforesaid, Frederick Rigsby a resident in said County aged seventy-five years in October last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in

order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March, 1818, and the first day of May, 1820; that he the said Frederick Rigsby enlisted for the term of 3 years on the 9th day of May in the year 1776, in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Phillips in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk being the 4th Regiment of the line of this State on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 10th day of May 1779, when he was discharged from the service and Paramus in the State of New York, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State. That he made application at the pension office of the United States some years ago, and obtained a pension for one year only. -- And the reason, as he was informed and believes, why his name was not contained on the list as a pensioner, was, it was believed he held property to [sic in] too large an amount.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.

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| 2 pots -- 2 old saddles \$7 -- partial tobacco \$2.50/100 | \$9.50 |
| 2 plow hoes \$1, one mattock 40/100 3 seeding hoes 90/100 | 2.30 |
| 1 sett Coopers tools \$1.00 1 hand saw \$1 1 drawing knife 30/100 | 2.30 |
| 2 Augers 50/100 2 chissels and 2 old axes \$1.40/100 | 1.90 |
| 1 Frow, six old Mobby stands & 1 Brandy Barrell \$3.90 | 3.90 |
| 2 pr old stirrup irons 2 pr old Flat Irons 1 coffee pott \$1.70 | 1.70 |
| 2 Pails and one Tabb \$1.20 5 knives and forks \$1.12 ½ | 2.32 ½ |
| 4 Spoons, 4 old chairs 1 Loom & 2 wheels \$10.80 | 10.80 |
| 1 old Pine Table 2 pr Pot hooks 1 Bridle and 3 gimblets | 1.20 |
| 1 Bee Gum 1 Jug 1 Hackle 1 Pitcher 1 Flest forks | 3.35 |
| 1 Foot add some shoemakers Tools Leather 1 side & 1 piece | 3.30 |
| 1 Iron Wedge 40/100 | .40 |
| | <u>\$43.97 ½</u> |

S/ Frederick Rigsby, E his mark

That he is by occupation a Farmer, but from age and infirmity he is now unable to support himself thereby. He has living with him a wife about thirty-eight years of age, and a daughter about ten years of age who are not more than able to support themselves. That he is in such indigent circumstances as to require the assistance of his Country for support: and that since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property: --
86 acres of land between Bartons Creeks sold to William Shipp about the first January 1827 received \$86 -- which went to pay debts

S/ Frederick Rigsby, E his mark

Sworn to, and declared on the 22nd day of February 1827

S/ B. S. King, CC

[fn p. 12: on June 17 1853 in Wake County North Carolina since he Rigsby, 65, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Frederick Rigsby who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for his services in the revolution; that he died in the year 1841; that she married him in Wake County in 1824 to the best of her belief; that her husband died September 24th 1841; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 15: marriage bond issued to Frederick Rigsbee & Francis Reeder on November 25, 1824 to secure the marriage of Frederick Rigsbee to Cynthia Brassfield in Wake County North Carolina.]

[fn p. 21]

Wake County: This day came William Tate¹ of said County and made oath that he saw Frederick Rigsby of said County in the United States service in Philadelphia in the year 1777. Sworn to & subscribed to before me February the 12th day 1819

S/ William Tate

[fn p. 48]

State of North Carolina Secretarys Office 9th of February 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental Line that Frederick Rigsby enlisted as a private soldier in said line on the 9th day of May 1776 for 3 years under Captain Philips of the 4th Regiment and was discharged on the 10th of May 1779.

Given under my hand at office the date above

S/ Wm Hill

[identical certificate issued by William Hill dated February 19, 1827]

[Note: the widow survived the Civil War and applied for the reinstatement of her pension after peace was made.]

¹ This is probably [William Tate S3751](#)