

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Rudder W18844

Jane

f18VA

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State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 9th day of August 1839 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Jane Rudder a resident of said County and State, aged 70 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. –"

That she is the widow of Edward Rudder late of said County State, who was a private in the militia service of Virginia, in the War of the revolution. She declares, that she does not pretend to know anything as coming within her personal knowledge, respecting the services of her late husband in the war of the Revolution – She has repeatedly heard from him in his lifetime, and from others, whom she believes, served with him, that he was in actual service of his country a considerable length of time, that he was engaged in many battles, and suffered and endured many hardships, and that she firmly believes their statement to be correct – that from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to recollection at this time the particulars of her husband's services as related by him: and therefore prefers to depend on the statements of those who served with him, whose certificates accompany this Declaration – That for the same reason, she cannot state precisely how long he was in actual service altogether, but would suppose he served at least seven months; for which length of time, she claims a pension – In support of her claim, she refers to the Army Records of the period, and accompanying certificates of credible and reputable soldiers who served with him –

She further declares that she was married to the said Edward Rudder on the 7th day of December 1787; that her husband the aforesaid Edward Rudder died on the __ day of October, 1825; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794: to wit, at the time above stated.

S/ Jane Rudder, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and State, this 9th day of August, 1839 –

S/ Hillery Moseley

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Edward Rudder late of Charlotte, formerly of Lunenburg, in the War of the Revolution, and have a distinct recollection that he and myself were drafted in the militia from Lunenburg County in 1780, under Captain Walker [Sylvanus Walker], and marched to the South, and were engaged in the battle near Camden in August, 1780 [Battle of Camden or Gates Defeat, August 15-16, 1780] – We were drafted for

either three or six months, I forget which, and served accordingly; I further certify, that in the early part of 1781, we were drafted again under Captain Walker for three months, and marched to Guilford in North Carolina, and were engaged in the battle [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] at that place – He served the said term faithfully – the said Edward Rudder was also at the siege of Yorktown under Captain Street [? name written over and partially illegible] But how long he served on this occasion, I am unable to say – I am in the 81st year of my age, and was a soldier of the Revolution –

S/ Ambrose Haley¹



[f p. 11: Copy of a marriage bond issued December 7, 1787 to Edward Rudder and John Chambers of the County of Lunenburg, conditioned upon the marriage of Edward Rudder to Jency Chambers [?]².]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned in the amount of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private for six months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [Ambrose Haley S8689](#)

² Jency Chambers