

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rice W2003

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I William Daniel one of the Judges of the General Courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Judge of the Superior Courts of Law of the 7th Judicial Circuit including the County of Campbell do certify that John Rice aged sixty-three a resident of the aforesaid County this day personally came before me and made oath according to law, that in the year 1775 being at that time and inhabitant of the State of North Carolina, he enlisted as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War in a Company commanded by Captain Henry Dixon of the first North Carolina Regiment, that he served as a soldier in said company until sometime in September in the year 1776 when he was appointed Adjutant to the same Regiment, and acted as such until some time in April 1777 when he was appointed Commissioned a Lieutenant in a company attached to the same Regiment commanded by Captain John Walker in which capacity & also as adjutant to the same Regiment, he continued to serve until sometime in the month of June 1778, when by some new arrangement the Regiment aforesaid to which he was attached being reduced and blended with some other, he was discharged at Valley Forge as a supernumerary officer. That his Commission & certificate of discharge have both been destroyed by accident. That he was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War in manner as aforesaid, from about September 1775 until June 1778. That he was at the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown & several other smaller affairs and skirmishes with the Enemy -- and that after his discharge at Valley Forge he was never again in the service of the United States on Continental establishment, though he was in the militia service -- and that he is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support -- and desires that his declaration and statement upon oath to be forwarded to the Secretary for the Department of War of the United States that he may receive the benefit provided for certain persons who was in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War -- And I having examined James Benagh upon oath, who states that he is acquainted with the aforesaid John Rice, & knows that he the said John is poor & in reduced circumstances; and that the said John is reputed to be a man of truth and worthy to be believed --

I do therefore hereby certify that it appears to them my satisfaction that the said John Rice did serve the United States in the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy for 9 months & more as in his statement upon oath is above set forth; and that he the said John Rice is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support -- All which I do hereby certify & send to the Secretary for the department of War of the United States under my hand & seal (There being no official seal of the Superior Courts of Law of this Judicial Circuit) this 18th June 1818.

S/ Wm Davis {Seal}

Virginia Campbell County Sct

Own this 9th Day of October 1820 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record John Rice aged 68 years also being duly sworn doth on his oath declare That he served in the revolutionary War as follows. He enlisted on the \_\_\_ day of September 1775 in Captain Henry Dixon's Company of the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark as a private and was afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. That he continued to serve until June 1778 when he was discharged as a Supernumerary officer. That he was in the Battles of Germantown and Brandywine as will appear by his original declaration bearing date of the 18th day of June 1818. That he has drawn a pension of \$20 per month by virtue of a Certificate from the War department dated the 18th day of February 1819 Number 6268. And he does solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that h has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. His family consists of himself aged 68 years and from age and debility not able to labor, his wife Susannah aged about 70 years and a daughter aged 35 years.

S/ John Rice

Schedule To wit

2 pots, one oven, one Tea Kettle, two Earthen dishes, 13 plates, 4 cups and saucers, 6 pewter Teaspoons, 3 tablespoons, one pewter dish, one Basin, one old Table, one old chest, one old Wishing Dast [?], 6 old chairs and one coffee pot

S/ John Rice

[fn p. 20]

Lynchburg Virginia Campbell County 1819 August 25th

Some twelve months ago (about June 1818) John Rice a resident of the County aforesaid made a declaration upon oath before me of his services rendered the United States in the Revolutionary War and of his being now in reduced circumstances so as to need the assistance of his country for support, which appearing to my satisfaction I gave him a certificate thereof which he states he forwarded through the post office here to the Secretary for the department of War of the United States to whom it was directed by me -- and having heard nothing from that department since (on this subject) I William Daniel one of the Judges of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Virginia do now at the request of the same John Rice certify that he came this the 25th of August 1819 before me and being by me first duly sworn, makes the following declaration that is to say that he the said John Rice enlisted in the first North Carolina Regiment on the Continental establishment in the year 1775, which Regiment was commanded at that time by Colonel James Moore; & afterwards by Francis Nash & which Regiment was afterwards on Continental establishment, & under the command of Colonel Thomas Clarke was marched from the South to Philadelphia in 1777, having been made adjutant to the said Regiment in the preceding year 1776 in South Carolina -- that in 1777, he was appointed second Lieutenant in Captain John Walker's company which was of the same Regiment and he thinks his commission bore date the 7th day of April 1777 -- signed by John Hancock but that the same with other

papers which would establish his service were accidentally destroyed. That he was at the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown, and in 1778 the Regiment being reduced, he was discharged as a Supernumerary officer at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania he thinks in June 1778. That on his return to North Carolina he was unwell & named by an inflammation of the foot & ankle and thereby detained on the way in Virginia, so that he did not arrive in North Carolina until sometime the latter part of August 1778, when he reported himself to Colonel Henry Dixon who informed him that the board of officers had set and had made no provision for him; & that thereafter he was not called on, though he was in several tours with the militia.

That he is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support, being nearly 67 years old And that his declaration to the import [?] of that is now stated who made before me sometime in June 1818 and sent by him into the post office at this place.

And James Benagh being by me first duly sworn saith that he is acquainted with the aforesaid John Rice -- that he is a credible man, & he considered simple war & in reduced & needy circumstances.

And I being thus satisfied that the said John Rice was engaged in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy for 9 months & more and that he now is in reduced circumstances so as to need of assistance from his Country for support, to hereby certify the same & the proceedings before me head to the Secretary of the department of War of the United States (as I have before done) to enable the said John Rice to obtain the provision lately made by an act of Congress for certain persons who were engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in

S/ Wm Daniel {Seal}

[fn p. 12: on February 15, 1853 in Lynchburg Virginia, Phebe Rice, a resident of Campbell County, aged 64, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Rice, deceased, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the Revolution; that she married him in Campbell County Virginia July 2 [date obliterated]

[fn p. 13 James Benagh, Clerk of the Lynchburg Court testifies that the records in his office indicated that a license was issued November 18, 1829 for the inner marriage of John Rice with Phebe Callahan in the Corporation of Lynchburg.]

[fn p. 16: on March 13 1855 in Campbell County Virginia, Phebe Rice, 77, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Rice.]

[fn p. 18: letter dated January 10, 1858, in which the author states that John R. Courtney is the heir of Hannah Rice, the daughter of John Rice, a revolutionary soldier.]

[fn p. 36: on March 15, 1853 in Lynchburg Virginia Ann Callahan, 43, testifies that she saw John Rice, a Revolutionary Pensioner, married in Campbell County Virginia in December 1829 to Phebe Rice; that they were married by the Reverend Mr. Cole; that John Rice died in Campbell County in July 1831 or 1832 and that Phebe Rice remains his widow.]

[Phebe Rice survived the Civil War and applied for the restoration of her pension benefits following the Civil War. On September 4, 1865 she stated she was 93 years old.]