

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burlingham Rudd W20038
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State of Tennessee Blount County: In Circuit Court February Term 1833

On this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powell Judge etc. now sitting for Blount County Tennessee Burlingham Rudd a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 the 25th of December 1832 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 A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Applicant was born on the 25th day of December in the year of our Lord 1760 in Anson County in the State of North Carolina and at the age of 16 years on the __ day of __ 1782 was drafted as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and the said County of Anson in North Carolina aforesaid and was mustered into service at Wadesboro in said County & State, under the command of Captain Patrick Bogan in the Regiment of Colonel Thomas Wade a Militia Colonel and was marched to Wounded Creek in the State aforesaid under General Thomas Armstrong or Arrington at that place we had a small Battle or Scrimmage on said Rounden Creek at Betties Bridge¹ at that place, we fought the Tories and British where we were defeated although we killed & wounded many of them. We were then marched under the command of the same officers to Black River in the same State -- we were then marched through the very as part of the country until May when we were discharged the 3 months for which we were drafted having expired & I received there a written discharge from General Arington,² which together with the record of my age and my other papers was burned & together with the dwelling house of my son with whom I lived. I was then on the __ day of __ drafted & mustered into service for 6 months under the command of the same above named officers, in the same County and place where I was first drafted to it in Anson County Wadesboro North Carolina & was marched towards Wilmington & through that part of North Carolina & was stationed for a time in Fayetteville in North Carolina & was then marched down on little Pedee [River] & through that part of the County towards Georgetown scouting about through the country. I was in the areas Scrimmages during the above named last time. We were then marched towards the Cheraw Hills -- & then I

¹ Sic, this is very probably a reference to the action at Beatti's Bridge on Drowning Creek. This action occurred on August 4, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm>. This site is also known as or referred to as "Beatty's Bridge" and "Piney Bottom."

² Through it does not match totally with the facts as recited by this veteran, I believe the "General Arington to whom he repeatedly refers in his application was probably Henry William Harrington (who is sometimes referred to as William Henry Harrington).

was discharged. I also for this last term of 6 months received a written discharge from our General Arrington at his own house in the said County of Anson in North Carolina. Then a short time before the inning of the Revolutionary war I volunteered under the Command of the same Captain Patrick Bogin & was marched to guard General Arrington at his own house & remained there some time like three [?] months, when I was discharged but received for this time no written discharge. My whole term of service during the war was for 12 months one tour of 3 months drafted -- another of 6 months drafted -- the 3rd and last tour 3 months volunteered --

I have no documentary evidence whereby I can in any manner authenticate my services as a soldier in the Revolutionary war -- nor can I myself swear positively to the times and dates of which I was drafted and mustered into service nor of the date of my discharge, as my discharges were burned in the dwelling house of my son with whom I lived. The Record of my age was also at the same time consumed. Nor have I any oral testimony to authenticate the whole of my services. I however have the testimony of John Baley of North Carolina who served in the same Regiment but under the Command of a different Captain but in the Regiment of Colonel Wade, who can testify the 3 months tour first named in my declaration as his annexed Certificate will show.

I removed from North Carolina to the State of Tennessee; to the County of Blount, where I have resided for about ___ years.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the agency of any State or agency of any State in the United States.

S/ Burlingham Rudd, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Danl. D. Foute, Clerk

[John D. Wilson, a clergyman, and John Morton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Anson County

Came personally before me William Hammond one of the acting justices of the Peace in and for said County John Bailey [sic] a resident of the said County & State who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith as follows: That he is well acquainted with Burlingham Rudd who is now before him and who resides in the County of Blount State of Tennessee. That he did serve with said Rudd in Captain Fans [sic,? Farr's?] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wade in the Revolutionary Service in the month of October 1781: and that he has every reason to say that the said Rudd did serve 3 months this time.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me at Wadesboro the County and State aforesaid this 20th day of October 1832.

S/ W. Hammond, JP

S/ John Baley

State of Tennessee Blount County: In Blount County Court June Sessions thereof 1833

On this 27th day of June 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the worshipful Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for Blount County Burlingham Rudd a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 years since the 25th day of December 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendatory declaration (amending the one and on the 8th day of February 1833 in the Circuit Court of Blount County, and returned from the War Department for amendment and numbered in the Office of Pensions to 4693 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.) That he

entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as stated in his original Declaration and in this Amendments thereto.

That he was drafted in Anson County North Carolina under the command of Captain Bogin in the Regiment of Colonel Wade on the ___day of May 1781, for 3 months as a private and served faithfully the time and was discharged honorably.

Then on the ___day of October 1781 was drafted for 6 months under the command of the same officers, in the same County of Anson North Carolina. We were in this term of service with one regular officer's Regiment by the name of Throdgill [?] he was a Colonel (our officers it will be recollected were Captain Bogin, Colonel Wade and General Arrington). He served this tour of 6 months faithfully and was honorably discharged. His discharges, were, for these 2 terms of service, signed and delivered to him by General Arrington, he was also a private this last term for 6 months, and was engaged in no civil pursuit whatever during either of the above named tours -- of the nature of his service the department is referred to his original declaration.

Then for his 3rd and last tour of service he volunteered on the ___ day of December 1782, in Anson County North Carolina under the command of Captain Bogin for 9 months and served but 3 months in the Regiment of Colonel John Lowry -- we were put in the Regiment of Colonel Lowery, our business was guarding -- he served 3 months out of the 9 -- when peace was proclaimed or near about the time peace was proclaimed, was discharged by the same Colonel Arrington but received no written discharge for the 3 months last mentioned he was also in actual service, making in all 12 months -- which he served in the war of the Revolution as a private for which he claims a pension.

He was born in Anson County North Carolina on 25 December 1766 [sic]. The record of his age, together with his discharge were burned &c.

He was called into service first by draft, secondly by draft -- thirdly by volunteering in the said County of Anson North Carolina -- from where he removed to the State of Tennessee, where he has resided and still does reside --

The answers to the other interrogatories are stated in the body of his declaration except the 7th which is to state the names of some of the persons in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for a man of veracity &c. He can State John Morton, John Glass, Matthew stallions, William Anderson, Esquire, Abram Wallace, the Reverend John Borin [?] and the Reverend John D. Wilson -- as to the official character of the justice in North Carolina before whom the witness who testified to his services in the Revolutionary War was taken, it is true the clerk did not certify under his seal of office the same to be commissioned. He lives 350 miles from this place, the certificate of the clerk therefore cannot be procured to annexed to this amendment: that he can write to the clerk and have it sent on to the department alone -- that however will violate another rule of the department but it is the best evidence that can be produced so the Certificate of a clergyman cannot be procured to this amendment for the reason neither Wilson or Borin is at home and court is now about adjourning.

Sworn to in open Court the day & year above written

S/ Jac. F. Foute, Clk

S/ Burlingham Rudd, X his mark

[John Glass & William D. Martin Junior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 35: on September 30, 1853 in Blount County Tennessee, Mary V. Rudd filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Burlingham Rudd, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him in Anson County in 1807; that she has no record of her marriage; that they were married by Pleasant May, JP; that

her maiden name was Mary Vaughn; that she remains a widow.]

[fn p. 6: on May 23rd, 1855 in Blount County Tennessee Mrs. Mary V. Rudd, aged 70, stated that she is the widow of Burlingham Rudd, a pensioner for his services in the revolution, and claims her Bounty land entitlement.]

[facts in file: on September 28, 1869, 2 witnesses stated that they had been for many years personally acquainted with William Bolland, George W. Rudd, Andrew Rudd, Jackson Road, Saint Clair Rudd, Absela Rudd, and Vaughn Rudd, who are the only children and heirs at law of Mary V. Rudd, deceased; in 1864 Vaughn Rudd was living in Jackson County Illinois in 1869 returned to Blount County, Tennessee.]