

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Rilea W2167

Rhoda Rilea

f59VA

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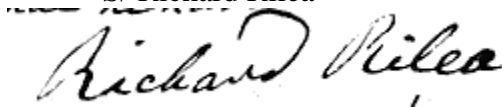
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State of Ohio Brown County: SS:

On this 8th day of May 1819 before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the court of common please [Common Pleas] for said County personally appeared Richard Rilea aged fifty-eight years resident in Brown County and Said State, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration 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 and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Richard Rilea enlisted for the term of three years on the \_\_ day of March in the year 1779 in Leesburg in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Mikle Rudolph [Michael Rudolph] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Regiment of light Infantry on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said Court, or in the service of the United States until the end of the war – when he was discharged from service in Charles Town [Charleston] and State of South Carolina that he was in a battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] & Utaw Springs [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] and wounded in both battles, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support: and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ Richard Rilea



Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jos. N. Campbell, P. J. B. C. C. C. P.

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District of Ohio Brown County SS

On this 31st day of July 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district and County of Brown Richard Rilea aged 59 years past resident in Brown County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Lee in the company commanded by Captain Michael Rudolph in the line of the State of Virginia, made my original Declaration on the 8th day of May 1819 and received a pension certificate

Numbered 12,180.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

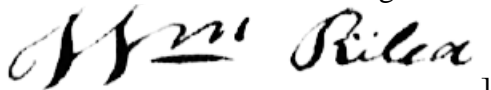
one mare two cows & 2 calves 2 baskets one table three pair of bedstands one dresser and some dresser ware one hammer two seader [cider?] buckets one tin bucket. I Richard Rilea am by occupation a carpenter by infirmities and rheumatism not able to do one third labor in pursuit thereof Rhoda Rilea my wife aged 47 years Able Rilea my son aged 15 years Lavina Rilea aged 12 years, William Rilea age 10 years, Sarah Rilea aged 7 years and Joseph Rilea aged 2 years all my children and compose all the family that lives with me.

S/ Richard Riley, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 3rd day of July 1821 in open court before the Judges thereof  
S/ A. Shepherd, Clerk

[p 10: On October 4, 1839 in Brown County Ohio, Rhoda Rilea filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Rilea, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him June 19, 1793; that they were married by the Reverend John Dunham, a Methodist Minister; that her husband died in Brown County Ohio August 7, 1839 and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On August 23, 1841, William Rilea, 30, of Brown County Ohio filed an affidavit stating he is the son of Richard and Rhoda Rilea; that he was born March 16th 1811; that on August 17, 1841 in Washington Township he tore the enclosed leaf from the Bible containing the family register of the marriage of his parents and ages of their children; that he had copied this from an older Bible that was becoming worn out at the request of his mother [could be 'brother'.

  
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[p 17-18: family register:

John Rilea was born February 9th A.D. 1803

Abel Rilea was born July 31st A.D. 1805

Levenia Rile [sic] was born October 12th A.D. 1808

William Rilea was born March 16th 1811 A.D. 1811

Sarah Rilea was born August 11th [?] 1813

Joseph Rilea was born about 1818

Richard Rilea was born March 27th 1762

Rhoda Rilea was born March 1, 1774

Richard Rilea and his wife Rhoda Littall<sup>1</sup> was mared June 11, 1793

James Rilea son of Richard Rilea and [illegible] Rilea his wife was born February 7<sup>th</sup> A. 1794

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<sup>1</sup> Another copy of the register reads "Little"



State of Ohio County of Brown

I Richard Rilea now a resident of said County and State aged Sixty nine years the 27 of March last do upon oath testify and declare – that in the month of February in the year 1777 I enlisted in Loudoun County Virginia for the term of “during the war” and served in the Regiment No. \_\_\_ under the Command of Colonel Henry Lee of the Virginia line, and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the same Regiment at Charleston South Carolina; – During the period of my service as a soldier I was in several battles Especially those of Guilford Court House and Eutaw Springs at the former of which I had my left hand thumb cut nearly all with a sword and at the Latter, had ~~his~~ a leg broken by a musket ball from the British with whom we were then engaged; – I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States, nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatever: Therefore I do hereby constitute and appoint William Russell of West Union State of Ohio to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of war of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid and any said attorney so hereby authorized and empowered [image of the document cut off at the bottom thereof and a line or more of text missing]

Richard Rilea  
Claim for Land Bounty  
Rec'd 28 Apr 1830  
1830 June 22 Rejected

I Nicholas Wood, aged Sixty seven years first do upon oath declare that I have been long acquainted with Richard Rilea who has subscribed the above declaration in my presence and well know that he is the identical person he therein references [?] himself to be and further I know that he did perform the military service therein stated having been a soldier in the same Regiment with him.

S/ Nicholas Wood

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas Wood". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Attest  
S/ John H Shepherd  
[Attested in Brown County Ohio July 28, 1829]

[In illegibly faint affidavit given by Nicholas Wood in Brown County Ohio on July 25, 1831 with the only relevant part of the document which is legible being his statement that he is aged 69 and his signature. There is an attestation by John H Shepherd]

[Another very faint document which reads as nearly as I can decipher it as follows. Use the transcription with care]

The State of Ohio Brown County} SS

I Richard Rilea age sixty nine years do upon oath testify and declare that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1780 I enlisted for the term of three years and served in the Regiment called “Lee’s Legion” commanded by Colonel Henry Lee of the Virginia line and that I continued in the

service aforesaid until the close of the war in June 1783 (having been informed by my officers that my enlistment was for the term of “during the war” when I was regularly discharged from the aforesaid Regiment under the Command of said Colonel Henry Lee.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to me on the part of the State of Virginia nor have I ever assigned or transferred any claim in any manner whatsoever.

Therefore

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Rilea aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint William Shepherd to be my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and for my use to demand and receive from the Register of the land office of the State of Virginia a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed

S/ Richard Rilea, X his mark

Attest

S/ John H Shepherd

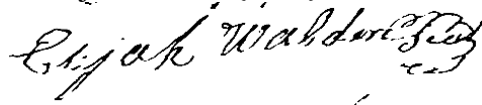
S/ James Finley

The State of Ohio Adams County Jefferson Township

Personally appeared before me James Williams one of the acting justices of the peace for said County Elijah Waldon of the age of sixty nine years next August and being duly sworn according to Law Deposeeth and Saith that Richard Ryley [sic] Served three years in Colonel Henry Lee’s Core [sic] of light Infantry and when he received his discharge in South Carolina in the year 1782 he left said Ryley [sic] in the Army and further this Deponent saith not sworn to and subscribed to this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1831

S/ James Williams, JP

S/ Elijah Waldon {Seal}



State of Ohio

Brown County} SS

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for said County came personally Richard Rilea, who being duly sworn according to law deposeeth and saith, that, he (this deponent) did enlist for during the war, in the spring of 1780 in Colonel Henry Lee’s Legion, and continued with him until the war was ended; that he went with said Lee to the South, and was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse & Eutaw Springs, at which latter place he had the misfortune to get his leg broke; That he was at the taking of six forts from the British and was discharged in the year of our Lord 1783. And further he had a certificate for two years pay when he was discharged, as there was no money at that time to pay the Troops, and by an unavoidable accident (namely the burning of his house) he lost the certificate and his discharge also. His land that was promised him, he has never received; nor the 2 years pay above named.

Sworn to & subscribed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1833

Before me

S/ John H Blair, JP

S/ Richard Rilea, X his mark

August 16, 1834 Advised that the claim of Dixon be allowed for a service in Armand's Legion –  
And that the claim of Rilea be allowed for a service of 3 years in Lee's Legion

Approved

August 16, 1834

S/ L. W. 7

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] [4-page file containing the same application and supporting affidavit from Nicholas Wood as transcribed above.]