

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip R. Rice W3041

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State of Kentucky Bracken County: SS

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Alfred O. Powell, Charles Anderson and Joseph T McKibbin, Judges of the County Court of Bracken County, Philip Rice a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-three years, 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 1832. That sometime in the year 1774 or 1775 he entered into the service of the Colonies (now United States) of America under the ~~immediate~~ command of Captain L. Temple [Liston Temple] who at [that] time had the command of a company of Militia raised principally out of the County of King William, Virginia, to serve a tour of three months which he said Rice did so, as fifer for said company and that Colonel William Nelson had the command of the Regiment at that time to the best of his recollection at present. That after the expiration of the said term of service he was called on again for another term of three months, which he did perform under the command of Captain Christopher Tompkins as Sergeant in his company of Virginia militia of King William County, and that he does believe, General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] (not the Colonel aforesaid) commanded this Regiment. He afterwards entered and served three months more in the Army, in Captain John Catlett's Company of Militia of King William County, Virginia; and that he believes he was fifer for this company also. He also entered the Army again under the command of Captain Terry who then had the command of a Company of Virginia militia for another three months but he thinks & believes before the close of his three months tour or about that time Colonel John Taylor and Major Campbell were beating up for volunteers to go against Cornwallace [Cornwallis] at Little York in the year 1781 and that he turned out volunteer under Colonel Taylor & Campbell and was at the taking of Cornwallis at Little York in Virginia, assisting therein. That when the Army retired from York, he was left with 25 men under his command as Sergeant to pull down certain parts of the fortification erected by the British. That as to dates he cannot give them with any certainty. He further states, that he knows of no person now living, whose testimony he can procure, or who can testify to his service except James Rice<sup>1</sup> (his older brother who saw him while in Captain Tompkins company), who was himself a soldier at the time & has long been for which he is in the receipt of a pension under the act of Congress passed in 1818. That during his services above mentioned, he passed through the country to the town of Williamsburg where they rendezvoused about 2 or 3 months; also at Springfield below Williamsburg in Virginia about one month, then to Rich, about 5 or 6 weeks; then to the Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills] upon James River, then back to Williamsburg, from there to Little York as

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S40332 transcribed and posted in this database 6/21/12

above mentioned.

S/ Phi R. Rice



He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Questions by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Anr. I was born in Virginia, and in the County of King William in the year 1760.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Anr. My birth day was recorded in my father's Bible, left in Virginia.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Anr. I lived in Virginia and in the County of King William when I was called into service; and remained there until the year 1796 or 7, then I came to Kentucky where I have lived ever since, for the last 30 years I have resided in Bracken County in the neighborhood where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Anr. The 1st time I volunteered as fifer, 2nd I was a substitute of William Hancock, 3rd a substitute for James Rice, 4th I was pressed, 5th I was drafted, 6th I was a volunteer under Colonel Taylor.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Anr. Colonel John Taylor, & Major William Campbell were regular officers, Colonel Holcomb Richardson, General Nelson, Colonel William Nelson, General Muhlenberg, Captain Catlett, Captain Christopher Tomkins, Captain William Tarey [?], and Captain Temple, also Colonel Robert Radford all of whom I served [under] more or less of the time above mentioned

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Anr. I did but have lost them all or misplaced them: one was given by Colonel Radford, one by Captain Temple, one by Captain Tomkins that I now recollect.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Anr. My neighbors have yet for the 1st time, to the best of my knowledge, to call in question my character for truth & veracity, but I will give you the names, to wit, Robert Elrod, Archibald March, Dickinson Morris, James Rice, Samuel Morril, John F power, James Morford, John Thompson, Joel Woodward and Henry Mullins, John M. Blackeby [?].

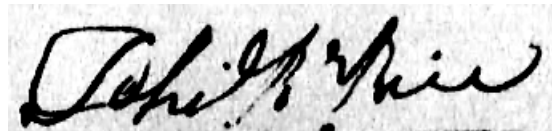
[Robert Elrod, a clergyman, and Archibald March gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Sct.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for Bracken County and State aforesaid, Philip Rice who, being duly sworn deposeth and saith. That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, or that the dates thereof: but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below and in the following grades (viz.) for six months I served as a musician: for nine months I served as Sergeant, and for twenty-five days I served on board of my vessel to carry the cannon from Cumberland down Pamunkey River to Taylor's ferry in Hanover County Virginia – myself, boat & hands were all pressed into service by Colonel Robert Radford. The whole Term of service served by me is fifteen months and twenty-five days & for such service I claim a pension. I served in 1775 & from that on more or less most every year up to 1781. The precise time I cannot state as to each term of service.

S/ Phil R. Rice

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip Rice". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[f p. 13: On April 24, 1843 in Mason County Kentucky, Martha M. Rice, 73, a resident of the town of Dover in Mason County Kentucky, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Rice; that she married him in the year 1788; that they were married by Parson Talley in Goochland County Virginia; that her husband died April 24, 1841

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Martha M. Rice". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 15 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]