

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Peter Rust W4064

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State of North Carolina }

Burke County } On this 18th day of April (1843) Eighteen hundred & forty three personally appeared before me Wm. B. Rust, one of the acting magistrates & a member of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions in & for the County & State aforesaid, Elizabeth Rust, a resident of the aforesaid County and State aged (83) Eighty three 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 4th 1836

That she is the widow of Peter Rust who was a private Soldier in the Virginia and North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War for six months Viz: the first tour of three months was in the year (1780) seventeen hundred & eighty he Volunteered under Col [James] Callaway to go against the Indians & served out that Tour & Rec'd a discharge which is now exhibited bearing the date of Oct 11th 1780 & signed by Col Callaway & Sam'l. Huston [sic] which is the Identical discharge the said Peter Rust rec'd. for that tour of service in Virginia. The said Peter Rust lived in & went from Bedford County Va at the time — The next tour was a three months Tour also in the latter part of the year (1781) Seventeen hundred Eighty one. The said Peter Rust volunteered for three months under Col. McDowell [Joseph "Quaker Meadows Joe" McDowell] Capt. McFarlin to go against the Indians in the Western part of North Carolina where he served for three months & rec'd. a discharge (which is lost) the said Peter Rust lived in Burke County NoCarolina at the time he served this last tour. She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Rust on the 15th day of May (1781) Seventeen hundred & Eighty one. That her husband the aforesaid Peter Rust died on the 4th day of March (1829) Eighteen hundred & twenty nine, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by refference to the proof hereto annexed. Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written
before Wm. B. Rust JP. J.P.} Elizabeth herXmark Rust

Sir I hereby Certify that I have sene a discharge from mr. Bladso for peter Rusts Sarving one tour of duty in the melitia for the Cherokee Expedition Sam'l. Hairston
[illegible abbreviation] Colo. James Callaway
ye 11th day of oCt'er 1780

NOTE: The application was initially rejected for lack of proof of the marriage, whereupon Elizabeth Rust deposed that the marriage was performed by the Clerk of the Burke County Court, but that there was no record of it, and that she knew of no family record of the marriage or of the births of her children. In an application for bounty land dated 9 Apr 1855 her age is given as 94, and the year of the marriage as 1782.