

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Rummage W4065
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State of North Carolina Montgomery County

On this 3rd day of October 1836, personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the Peace in the said County Margaret Rummage widow of George Rummage deceased who was a Soldier of the Revolution age 65 years died the last of July 1818 Margaret Rummage widow of the deceased now aged 78 years she 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 several acts of Congress passed in favor of the Revolutionary Soldiers & the widows of the deceased previous to the date hereof George Rummage here name was a Volunteer & a Private Soldier in the Army of the United States for eighteen months in the Continental line & was marched to Charleston South Carolina & there was in the Battle of Charleston as she has often heard her husband say which took place before their marriage & other small Battles, after he returned the said Margaret Simpson married George Rummage the deceased & he was after a short time called into service again but they were short Towers [tours] of duty he resided at the time and Montgomery County North Carolina & there resided when he died which she believes was the last of July 1818 -- lived & died near the place where he resided when he entered the Service. She states as her belief that her husband George Rummage has not been on the Pension roll of this or of the United States. She further states to the best of her recollection she was married to George Rummage when he was twenty years of age the year she does not recollect but states it was in January but does not know what year. She states that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by the following Proof & she being so infirm she could not attend before the Court, the deceased died with the rheumatic fever & was helpless several years.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year as above before me.

S/ Margaret Rummage, X her mark

S/ W. Swaringen, JP

I George Shankle,¹ Clergyman, do certify that I have resided in the neighborhood of George Rummage deceased ever since he moved to Montgomery County. His Father moved as I understand from Maryland State in the forepart of the revolutionary War when the deceased was not grown he resided within 2 miles of me. I was here raised & he also, I know he was a Soldier of the revolution & served his country; he enlisted for eighteen months as well as I now recollect. He went & I believe he served his time out & I believe I have heard him say he was in a battle in or near Charleston. His brother Thomas Rummage enlisted during the war & died while in service. After his eighteen months Service he returned home & married I think at the age of twenty Margaret Simpson the present applicant who was raised here close to me the deceased

¹ FPA S7498

resided in 2 miles of me when he died. Margaret Rummage the widow [indecipherable word] Married and continues to reside on the same place & all very poor supported by the labor of her two daughters. I think the widow is about 78 years old. After the deceased married he went into the Service of his Country again & served one tower with me -- how long I don't at this time recollect being far advanced in years myself as well as I now recollect he died the last of July 1818, & that the Statement of the widow Margaret Rummage is entitled to credit & I believe if the deceased was now living he would be 83 years old.

Sworn & subscribed this 3rd day of October 1836 before me

S/ W. Swaringen, JP

S/ George Shankle

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state of North Carolina Montgomery County: On this 8th day of December 1836, Personally appeared before me William Swaringen one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County George Shankle Clergyman after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement. That he was born & here raised before the revolutionary war & has here resided ever since. This is given in addition to the former Certificate given by me I think about the 3rd of October last in support of the Declaration filed at that time by Margaret Rummage widow of George Rummage deceased a Soldier of the revolution for a Pension for the services of her deceased husband rendered the United States during the revolutionary war. He states the Father of George Rummage moved into this neighborhood in or about the forepart of the revolution from the State of Maryland has understood sometimes after Thomas Rummage the younger Brother enlisted in this state during the revolutionary war. George Rummage the Elder Brother enlisted for 18 months the year and the officers names is not recollected & has understood went off together in the service of the United States as understood to the South & it was said Thomas died when in service. George Rummage it appeared served his time out & returned home to his Father's house and whether he served anymore before marriage is not recollected. I was not present but I know it was so stated that he was married by James Allen to Margaret Simpson as understood by me as for any record of marriage before the war or at that time he does not believe there is any such in this County at the present day if there was George Rummage myself with others was called on to serve as minute men for 3 months if required as horseman under Captain Jesse McLendon at that time Georgia Rummage & Margaret his wife had one child & I believe more. The first service we were called on to render we were carried to the lower end of this County into the County below & crossed Pedee River near the South line & into South Carolina at Black Creek & Lynches Creek up the Creek we there collected a parcel of Beef Cattle & drove from there to Salisbury North Carolina delivered to the Army & returned home & after serving at times the 3 months we were discharged he does not recollect serving with George Rummage anymore as to the Service of George Rummage in behalf of his Country he believes he has never been disputed or his lawfully being married at the time & that in the time of the War, he married a neighbor of mine, he resided & year died I believe within 3 miles of may. I believe the last of July 1818 his widow Margaret Rummage has never married & resides in the place her husband died.

Sworn & subscribed the day & date above.

S/ W. Swaringen, JP

S/ George Shankle

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Offers

I, George W. Brooks Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my Office that George Rummage, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, was allowed his pay for military service at the "Auditors Office for the Counties of Anson, Montgomery & Richmond," as per Indent No. 34 £43.10. Dated June 25th 1782. Also that the said Counties for awhile belonged to the Salisbury District, but afterwards constituted a separate Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office this 9th May 1835

S/ Geo. W. Brooks, Comptroller

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State of North Carolina Stanley County: October 27th 1833

This day appeared before me A J Shankle one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for Stanley County North Carolina Levi Shankle aged 66 and made affidavit in the following words to wit.

The age of Elizabeth Rummage first born daughter of George Rumage & Margaret Rumage was born as he was told by his father and mother about the year of 82 [1782] in the fall of the same date George Rumage the Father was in the service the second time with my Father in South Carolina as he often told me he also states that his father has often stated to him that George Rumage was married to Margaret Simpson and he also states that the said George Rumage and his wife Margaret did lived together as man and wife as long as he the said Rumage lived and he never heard it disputed but what they were lawfully married and had many children born unto them but as to his own knowledge as to the day and date of the age of Elizabeth Rumage daughter of the said Margaret & George Rumage he can't state but he knows of a certain day there was without doubt such persons as above mentioned and as to the age of Elizabeth he can't state positively for she is 6 years older than myself if my Father was correct as to the record of my age. Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date first written.

Test S/ AJ Shankle, JP

S/ Levi Shankle

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State of North Carolina Stanley County: October 29th 1833

This day personally appeared before me Henry Marshall one of the acting justices of the peace in & for said County George Rummage and made oath that from the best of his knowledge his age was 67 on the 25th of last March family record of the same having been lost or mislaid in an old family Bible he further states on oath that he had a sister & a brother older than himself & that his parents always told him that she his sister Elizabeth was 4 years or thereabouts older than himself.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written.

S/ H. Marshall, JP

S/ George Rummage, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Stanley County

Be it remembered that at a Special Term of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for the County aforesaid on the 6th day of September A.D. 1855 Present their worships

EL Parker Esquire Cameron

David Kendall &

RC Miller Esquires

George Shankle deposeth and saith on his oath in open Court that Margaret Rummage widow of George Rummage died in May 1845 whose children are applying for the pension on account of the services of their father, and there is now living of said children, to my knowledge, George Rummage, Nathan Rummage, David Rummage, Anna Fay and Fanny Rummage. That this affiant further saith that he is enabled to know the facts above stated from being present at her burying and assisting in cutting the letters and described on her tombstone, and that the day of the month is so obliterated & being in smaller letters, that an examination of the same today cannot say the precise day.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the day & date above.

S/ George Shankle

[fn p. 40: in a power of attorney dated July 19, 1853, George, Nathan, David, Sally & Fanny Rummage and Anna Fay identified themselves as the surviving heirs and children of Margaret Rummage.]

[fn p. 3: in a filing dated July 28, 1855 and filed in Stanly County, NC, George Rummage stated he was then 69 years old last March; Nathan stated he was 62 in June last; David stated he was 50 [could be 56, last digit is written over] last March; Fanny stated she was 46 in April last and Anna Frige [sic, Fay or Fry?] stated she was 56 [last digit written over and unclear] in March last; that they had an older sister named Betsy and a brother named Jessee, both deceased; and that Betsy was 5 years & upwards older than George.]