

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Walter Rand W4773

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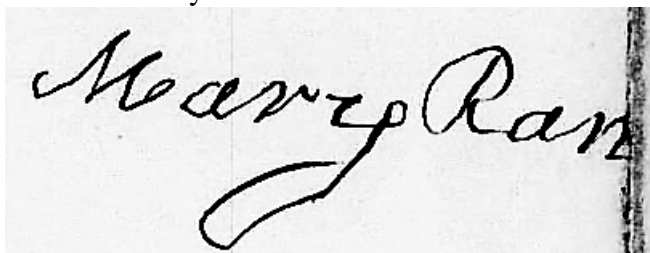
[f p. 4]

State of North Carolina – Wake County SS

On this the 20th day of August 1839 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Wake &c Mary Rand a resident of said County aged seventy-four 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 7th, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of Walter Rand who served as a Soldier of Infantry in the Virginia Continental line during the Revolutionary War, as will more fully appear by the annexed certificate from the Auditor's Office of the Commonwealth of Virginia. She further declares that she was married to the said Walter Rand on the 13th day of February 1783 that her husband the aforesaid Walter Rand died on the 17th day of December 1812 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place [indecipherable word or words] the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before –

S/ Mary Ran

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ran". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

[Johnson Busbee and Isaac Hutchins gave an affidavit supporting the widow's application by confirming the date of the death of the veteran and the fact that he enjoyed the reputation in the neighborhood where he lived since moving from Virginia to North Carolina in the year 1789.]

[f p. 3]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 27th day of September 1784, in the name of Walter Rand, as a soldier of Infantry for £56.18.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to John Stockdell and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this

24th day of June 1839.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 7: Family record:

Walter Rand was born the 15 day of June A.D. 1761

Mary Parker born April 14th A.D. 1765

Walter Rand & Mary Parker were married 13th February 1783 at 11 o'clock

John Rand Son of Walter & Mary born 22 October [year marked through and illegible, other information in this file indicates that the year was 1786]

Betsey Rand daughter of Walter & Mary born 22 February A.D. [year marked through and illegible, but other information in this file indicates the year was 1789]

William Rand born 29th of June A.D. [year mark through and illegible (1791)] & son to the above Walter & Mary

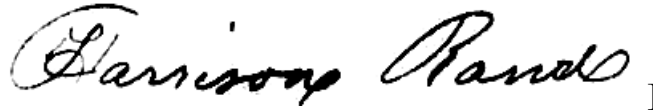
Parker Land (their son) born the 11th of August [year marked through and illegible (1793)]

Nathaniel Greene Rand (their son) born 18th of January 1796

Harrison Rand (their son) born 29th September 1798

Molley Rand (their daughter) born 10th of January 1801

[f p. 9: Harrison Rand gave testimony that the family Bible is in the handwriting of his father, Walter Rand. His testimony was attested in Wake County North Carolina August 20, 1839.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harrison Rand" followed by a closing bracket "]" on the right.

[f p. 11]

State of North Carolina-Wake County

This day personally appeared before us Jordan Womble & Thomas W Debnam two of the Justices of the Peace for the County and State above named William Crittenden¹ who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, doth on his oath declare that he is now a Pensioner of the United States, that he is now in his 79th year, that he served in the Revolutionary war in the Virginia Continental line & that while in said service he knew one Walter Rand who was in the same service & served in the same Regiment with him and that he was a drummer in said service and that they served together twelve months or more & that after he quit said service he removed to North Carolina & settled on the Cape Fear River in Cumberland County and that he there became well acquainted with one William Rand who was Clerk of the County Court of Cumberland County and that the said William Rand often spoke to him of his Brother Walter Rand who was then living in Wake County and said that his Brother Walter had served in the Virginia Continental line and said William Rand is now dead – this deponent also states that while he was in the Army the said Walter Rand often spoke to him of his brother William Rand and the above William Rand spoken of by this deponent is the same William Rand whom this deponent knew in Cumberland County.

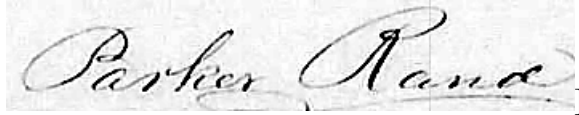
Sworn to and subscribed before us this 5th day of March 1840

S/ William Crittenden, X his mark

[f p. 12: On March 5, 1840 Parker Rand gave testimony in Wake County North Carolina that he

¹ Sic, this veteran was pensioned under the name William Crittinton FPA S8259.

is the son of Walter and Mary Rand, an applicant for a pension; "that he has often heard his Father speak of having been in the Revolutionary war in the Virginia Continental line – he stated to this affiant that he enlisted at the age of 16 years & served three years a part of the time as drummer – that he received a ball wound in his leg at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] the scar of which he often showed this affiant that he was discharged in the winter of 1779 – 1780 near Philadelphia & walked home on the snow and ice – this affiant further states that William Rand the Clerk of Cumberland County Court spoken of by William Crittenden in his deposition on this sheet was a Brother of his Father Walter Rand...."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Parker Rand". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Parker" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Rand".

[f p. 13-14: James Woodward, 48, gave testimony on January 25, 1840 in Wake County North Carolina that Jesse Osborne,² deceased, late of said County was a revolutionary soldier and on the pension roll of North Carolina; that Osborne departed this life in the month of February 1839; that Osborne said he served with Walter Rand in the revolution and that Rand was a drummer; that James Deford an old and respectable citizen of Wake County North Carolina said that he James Deford was raised in Isle of Wight County Virginia in the same neighborhood with Walter Rand and that Deford also said that Walter Rand served in the Virginia Continental line with him and that Rand was a Drum Major in the service.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia service.]

² [Jesse Osborne S41930](#)