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Pension application of Charles Regan (Riggin)W5688 Milly fn48NC
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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Sessions 1832

On this 29th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Charles Regan a resident of the County of Lincoln aforesaid in said State, aged seventy-four 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated; that he volunteered on the 25th day of May 1778 for nine months in Granville County State of North Carolina & was placed under the command of Captain Ralph Williams a Continental officer and was marched by him to Peytonsburg in Halifax County State of Virginia, and there was put under the command of Colonel Armstrong, the Regiment remained at that place three weeks or more & was then marched to Moon's Creek in Caswell County State of North Carolina, where the troops were stationed for five weeks or more. At Moon's Creek I enlisted in the North Carolina line between the 20th & 25th day of August 1778 for nine months, from that 1st day of March next after to rendezvoused at Granville Courthouse North Carolina on that day, & upon this enlistment received furlough from that time to the said 1st day of March; accordingly on the 1st day of March 1779 I appeared at Granville Courthouse North Carolina & was placed under the command of Captain John Faner an officer chosen by the soldiers, and was marched through Hillsboro & Salisbury to Charlotte North Carolina, and at Salisbury or Charlotte a regular officer called Lieutenant by the name of Charles Dixson [sic Charles Dixon] took command of the company and marched it to Horse Creek in South Carolina headquarters of General Lincoln; at that place I was placed in the company commanded by Captain Taylor in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thaxton [Thackston], and in a few days was marched to Golfin's Fort [sic, Fort Galphin¹], where a soldier was shot as a deserter & in a few days after was marched to Augusta in the State of Georgia, and in a short time was marched in the Army of Generals Lincoln & Sumner about 2 days in the State of Georgia, then across the Savannah River to Edisto River South Carolina, and about the 20th May a British Lieutenant with 15 privates & 2 wagons loaded with provisions was taken by our Army one of the 15 was an American prisoner; and on said march at a place called Parker's old fields a Tory Lieutenant by the name of Cunningham was taken with 300 Negroes [one or more indecipherable words] loaded with beef; then crossed Edisto River & marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River & while there the Tories fired on us & after remaining there a few days, marched down Ashley River about a days march. A short

¹ <http://gaz.irshelby.com/fortgalphin.htm>

time after the Army reached Ashley River I was taken sick & sent by a boat to the hospital in Charlestown South Carolina, where I remained about 2 weeks & then removed to the hospital at Hadley's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point], where I remained about 4 weeks; while was there confined the battle of Stono was fought, about the 12th of July I was discharged from the hospital at Hadley's Point & sent over to Charlestown & on the 15th of July received a passport from General Lincoln to return to North Carolina. I accordingly returned to North Carolina & remained at home, till called out by the proclamation of General Sumner to meet at Bute old Courthouse when I appeared as directed in September, but not marched off and again I was ordered to appear at Halifax in North Carolina on the first of October, when & where I appeared & remained till the month of December after & on the 3rd or 4th of that month December 1779 received a discharge from General Sumner. The passport given me by General Lincoln I have lost, my discharge from General Sumner I filed with the board of auditors of North Carolina sitting in Hillsboro on the 27th of July 1792 when I drew my pay for my services, and on the ___ day of July 1780 I substituted in the place of one Joseph Darnell who had been drafted, or volunteered for 3 months after crossing the State line; and was placed under Captain Clanton in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Seawell, at Franklin Court house in North Carolina & from thence was marched near to the falls of Neuse [River], where we remained a few days, then were marched to Hicks Mill a few miles from Cheraw State of South Carolina, & while there General Gates was defeated; was then marched to Ramsey's Mill owned Deep River in North Carolina & remained there a few days & at that place General Sumner took command of the Army there, from thence was marched by Chatham Court house, thence to Bell's Mill & through Salisbury to Charlotte and joined General Davidson; from that place the Army retreated and marched through Salisbury & over the Yadkin River a short distance, where I was placed in the hospital & after remaining a few weeks there I was discharged by Colonel Seawell which discharge I cannot now find.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Charles Regan, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1833

On this 17th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting Charles Regan a resident of the County and State aforesaid, being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make this his amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. He volunteered on the 25th of May 1778 for the term of 9 months -- between the 20th and 25th of August of the same year he enlisted for the term of 9 months to commence on the first of March 1779 in the following year he then received a furlough until the first of March 1779 when he again entered service according to enlistment and served the period of enlistment which terminated sometime in the summer. During the last service he was in the hospital several weeks and was absent under passport which will more particularly appear by reference to his former declaration hereto appended: he served again as a substitute for Joseph Darnell for 3 months commencing sometime in July 1780 -- and terminated sometime in November next following -- for the particulars of this reference is made to the appended declaration.

S/ Charles Regan, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above
S/ V. McBee, CC

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I Joseph Graham² a citizen and resident of the County and State aforesaid being sworn certify that he has been acquainted with Charles Regan who has signed before born declaration and the original declaration as hereto appended a number of years, that he is a man of good moral character, that he believes that he is 74 years of age as stated in his original declaration -- and that it has been the general belief in his neighborhood that he was a revolutionary soldier.

S/ J. Graham

[fn p. 32: oh in October 17, 1832 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina Elizabeth Smith testified that she is the daughter of Joseph Darnell, then a resident of the County of Warren, North Carolina, that Charles Regan in July 1780 took the place of her father.]

[fn p. 9: on June 25, 1852 in Rowan County North Carolina, Molly Riggan, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Charles Riggan, a pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Lincoln County North Carolina on February 22, 1788; that her husband died in Lincoln County North Carolina January 21st, 1840; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 13: copy of a marriage bond given by Charles Riggan and Samuel Poplin to secure the marriage of Charles Riggan to Milly Poplin; bond is dated February 3, 1788 and was filed in Lincoln County North Carolina.]

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Nathaniel Farrar³ came before me Hugh McGee one of the acting Justices of the said County and made oath that Charles Ragan of the County & State aforesaid served a 9 months tour in the Revolutionary war as a regular in the 5th Regiment of the said State in the year 1779. Sworn to and subscribed this 13th day of July 1833

S/ H. McGee, JP

S/ Nathaniel Farrar, X his mark

² [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

³ [Nathaniel Farrar S8458](#)