

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ebenezer Rhame W8291 Sarah fn69SC
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South Carolina Sumter District

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of representatives

The Humble petition of Ebenezer Rhame respectfully showeth that at the age of 16 he joined a corps in the American Service under Colonel Ervin attached to the command of General Horry that from the earliest period of the revolutionary war to the fall of Charleston he continued to perform the duties of a faithful Soldier. That after that event he remained a prisoner in the hands of the British for 6 months, during which time he suffered all the privations ineitent [sic, inherent ?] to the Situation of a captive in the hands of a barbarous enemy, that after the first moment of exchange he joined the American Army under General Marion and continued under his command until the termination of the war and that during the whole of this. He preserved the confidence of his superior officers and the respect of his fellow soldiers: and finally rose to the highest form of non-commissioned officers in the corps to which he was attached. Your petitioner would further represent to your Honorable body that he performed a part in the most of the engagements fought under General Marion. That in one of them he was wounded and that in consequence of his active service during the war his paternal inheritance was consumed and destroyed by the enemy: For the evidence of his services your petitioner refers your Honorable body to the accompanying certificates, and to the general estimation of his neighbors and fellow citizens who in consideration of the services he performed during the revolutionary war selected him as one of the first captains under the organization of the militia of South Carolina. Your petitioner has never received any compensation for these Services -- nor would he now appeal to the Bounty of the State, but for the infirmities and decrepitude of age which have impaired that labor which he has hitherto obtained a support for himself and a large family. Your petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body to be placed on the pension list, and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c.

Signed E. Rhame

Schedule of Ebenezer Rhame's property

State of South Carolina Sumter District: Viz.

Four head of cattle, one cart, some household & kitchen furniture & about \$20 in an account in all amounting to about \$70: the above schedule and inventory is just & true.

Sworn to before me this 17th of November 1830

S/ Lery F. Rhame (signed) E. Rhame

State of South Carolina Horry District

Personally appeared before me Indians Jones who being duly sworn saith on his oath that he was

acquainted with Ebenezer Rhame in his youth, he was then about the age of 15 or 16 years of age, we were then in the service together under Colonel Ervin and from him we were together under General Marion to the end of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to before me the 22nd of February 1830

S/ Hugh Floyd, JP

Signed Evans Jones,¹ X his mark

State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me Rev'd Bradley Rhame who being duly sworn saith on oath that he was acquainted with Ebenezer Rhame and at the age of 15 or 16 years of age he went into the service in the Revolutionary war under the command of Colonel Ervin and General Horry until the fall of Charleston and then under General Marion until the end of the war and proved a faithful soldier.

Sworn to before me 15 January 1830

Signed Levy F. Rhame, JP

S/ Bradley Rhame

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Rhame praying to be placed on the pension list Report: that they have had the subject under consideration and respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted & that he be placed on the pension list.

S/ D. R. Evans, Clk

Senate December 1st 1830

Resolved that the Senate agreed to the report. Ordered to the N. R.

S/ Joseph Johnston, C. S.

In the House of Representatives the summer 17th 1830

Resolved that the House do concur in the Report: Ordered that it be returned.

By order of the House

S/ R. Anderson, C. H. R.

State of South Carolina Sumter District: On this 14th day of July A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me A A Nettles a magistrate within and for the District and State aforesaid William Vaughan² a revolutionary soldier now ninety years of age who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is now and has long been in receipt of a Pension for services rendered in the war of 1776 -- that whilst engaged in the service under General Marion he became acquainted with Ebenezer Rhame who was also engaged in the same service -- that he Rhame served for several years, but the exact. He does not now recollect. The said Rhame was a resident of this District for many years previous to his death which event occurred some 18 or 20 years ago as deponent believes.

S/ William Vaughan

[fn p. 3: on February 17, 1854 in Sumter District South Carolina Sarah Rhame aged ___ filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Ebenezer Rhame a pensioner of the state of South Carolina at the rate of \$60 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him July 6 1802 and HHH we deal the law sometimes fantastic law for the County you a It okay his he District South Carolina; that they were married by one M. Palmer, a Baptist clergyman; that her husband died June 30 1835; and that she remains his widow.]

¹ This may be the only record in the federal pension files of this man's service in the Revolution. I could find no record of any federal pension application filed by either him, his widow or her heirs.

² [William Vaughan W11691](#)

[Facts in file: Sarah Rhame filed for her bounty land entitlement in 1855; she lived at the least until 1868 when she last applied for an increase in her pension; this file also contains the standard certifications by the widows and other supporting documents to the effect that she did not participate in the rebellion against the United States during the late war of 1861, and therefore was entitled to have her pension reinstated after the Civil War.]