

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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N.C. Rochelle, John ¹ W8567 Patience Rochelle f50NC

Pension Application of John Rochelle, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 2069, Application #W8567

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Edgefield District, South Carolina, August 8, 1853, personally appeared Frederick Lucius, aged 89:

“That John Rochelle is the son and true legal representative of Captain John Rochelle, deceased, who was a captain in the ninth (9th) regiment of the North Carolina Continentals, commanded by John Williams in the War of the Revolution. That this deponent became acquainted with Captain John Rochelle very soon after the war aforesaid and kept up an intimate acquaintance with the said Captain Rochelle, deceased until the day of his death...”

State of North Carolina Comptroller’s Office:

“I, William Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said state to sundry persons for military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

“Captain John Rochell-Book No. 40, folio 4-Paid and charged to the United States in account of North Carolina against the U. S. as stated by military commissioners for services to **1st September 1778** and 12 months pay as Supernumerary \$1741.15-Seventeen hundred and forty-one dollars and five cents.”

“Said John Rochell appears as a captain in the 9th regiment, commanded by John Williams on the original roll of continental troops dated **July 1777** and on another roll without date...”

[Veteran's widow was granted posthumously a pension at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending upon her death March 4th, 1841.]

State Claims filed by the heirs of John Rochelle

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Sec. of State Office-Military Papers

John ROCHELLE, Fairfield District, S. C.-2 Sept.1820- signed by Anderson ROCHELLE and Margaret ROCHELLE wife and son of James ROCHELLE (brother of John ROCHELLE) makes joint affidavit that Nathaniel ROCHELL, Allen ROCHELLE, John ROCHELL, Frances Rochelle LUCIOUS(wife of Henry LUCIOUS), George ROCHELLE, Althea Rochelle BACKLEEY (wife of John BACKLEY), James ROCHELLE and Wiley ROCHELLE, are the only children and heirs of John ROCHELL who died about 1800 and that James and Wiley ROCHELLE are dead without issue.

Sec. of State Military Paper:

Allen ROCHELL of Union District, S.C.-Power of attorney is given to Allen ROCHELL of Fairfield District for application for military land warrant for service of John ROCHELLE deceased.

¹ *BLWt2700-300—Capt. Issued June 20, 1798 No papers The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the offices of the War Department along with the papers filed there were destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed. Further, pension and bounty land papers generated between the fire of 1800 and 1814 were lost when the British burned Washington DC on August 14, 1814.*

1821-Sec. of State Papers, Fairfield District, S.C.-Commission approves application and issues a military land warrant for 1600 acres to heirs of John ROCHELLE a Capt. for his service.
SOURCE-N. C. State Archives

COURT RECORD

South Carolina
Fairfield District

Personally appeared Margaret ROCHELL and Anderson ROCHELL before me and duly made oath that they have just cause to believe that Nathaniel ROCHELLE, Allen ROCHELLE, John ROCHELLE, Frances ROCHELL, now Frances LUCIOUS wife of Henry LUCIOUS; George ROCHELLE, Alithea ROCHELLE now Alithea BACKLEY wife of John BACKLEY, James ROCHELLE and Wiley ROCHELLE of whom James and Wiley have since died without issue to be the lawful heirs of John ROCHELLE, dec'd and that he left no other child or children to the knowledge or belief of these deponents and that he departed this life about the year 1800.

Sworn to before this 2nd day of September 1820

Signed:

Margaret ROCHELL
Anderson ROCHELL
Geo. ROCHELLE, J. P.

South Carolina
Fairfield District

I do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern that George ROCHELLE, Esquire, before who the within Deposition appears to have been made is a Justice of the Peace, now in office, duly authorized by the Legislature of this State, and that therefore all due Faith & Credit, may and ought to be given to his official transactions as such.

In Testimony whereof I have to these ----- signed my name and affixed the seal of the court this 6th September A.D. 1820.
S. W. YONGUO? Clerk

South Carolina

I David JOHNSON one of the associate Judges of the said seal do hereby certify that S. W. YONGUE Esq. whose signature appears tot he foregoing certificate is the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions for Fairfield District int he State aforesaid, that the same is in due form of Law and entitled to due faith and ----.

Sworn under my hand the 31st day of July 1820.

David JOHNSON
SOURCE-N.C. State Archives-xerox copy

COURT RECORD

State of N.C.

To William HILL, Esq. Secretary of the State aforesaid, Sir:

On the application of Allen ROCHELLE of Fairfield District, South Carolina as attorney for the Heirs of John ROCHELLE, Late a Captain.

formerly soldiers of the Revolutionary Army and of the Line of this State, and acting under the powers and authorities with which we are clothed, by an Act of the Assembly of 1819, entitled "an act concerning Military Land Warrants" We have examined and passed upon the Claims of the above mentioned, and hereby advise and direct, that you issue to the Heirs of said Claimant as follow-Viz.:

To those Heirs of the late Captain John ROCHELLE, Warrant for Sixteen Hundred acres of Land.

(unable to read)

Raleigh, 16th Augt. 1821

John HAYWOOD?

----- Commissioners

Rec'd from the Secretary's Office a Warrant -- on the above order no. 793 for 1600 acres Augt. 16th, 1821

Allen ROCHELL

SOURCE-N.C. State Archives, xerox copy

Military-Capt. in 9th N.C. Regt. under Col. John WILLIAMS

John ROCHELLE, wife Patience-w.8567-issued 20 June 1798

Patience ROCHELLE, dec'd, widow of John ROCHELLE of S.C. who died in the state of S.C., who was a Captain, in the Infantry in the Continental Army commanded by Col. John WILLIAMS Served in the Rev.-2 years.

Inscribed in the Roll of Charleston at the rate of 480 dollars per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1836.

Certificate of pension issued 20th day of March 1854 and sent to Hon. P. S. BROOKS House of Representatives-Semi-annual allowance ending 31 Aug.1841.

John ROCHELLE-Capt. 9th Reg. commanded by Colonel John WILLIAMS on the original

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MILITARY-State of N.C.-Comptroller's Office-Dec.1853

I Wm. CLARKE, Comptroller of public accts. in & for the state of N.C.-payments made to the following persons for service in the Rev. War.:

Captain John ROCHELL-

Bk.40,folio 4,-*Paid and charged to the United States, an account of North Carolina against the US as stated by Military Commissioners, for services to 1st September 1778 and 12 months pay as Supernumerary \$174.05*

Said John ROCHELL appears as Captain in the 9th Reg.

commanded by Col. John WILLIAMS on the Original Roll of Continental Troops dated July 10th 1777, and on another Roll without date.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto described by name and affixed my seal of office this 1st day of December A.D. 1853

Sign: Wm. J. CLARKE, Compt.

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South Carolina, Edgefield District

On the 8th day of Nov.1853 before me, James BLACKWELL, magistrate for the district and state aforesaid, personally came John ROCHELLE a resident of the district and state aforesaid who being duly sworn, declares upon oath that he is the son and only living heir of Capt. John ROCHELLE, dec'd. (now known) who was Capt. in the 9th Reg. of N. C. Cont. commanded by Col. John WILLIAMS in the War of the Am. Rev. and that he makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension certificate or certificates to which he may be entitled for any money or moneys, that may be found and are payable to me, as above stated Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written:

Sign:Jno ROCHELLE,



James BLACKWILL,Magistrate

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Know all Men by These Presents: that I John ROCHELLE of the District of Edgefield and State of South Carolina, do by these present make, constitute and appoint A. PERRIN of the district and state aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand and receive of the Depart. of the Interior of the U.S. the pension Cert. to which I may be entitled for the money that may be found due, and payable to me as the son and only surviving heir of Capt. John ROCHELLE dec'd for his service in the War of the Am. Rev. as set forth in the within decl. and to no every act that I might do, were I personally present and acting for myself. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of Nov. 1853.

Sign: John ROCHELLE

James BLACKWELL,Mag.

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South Carolina-Edgefield District

On this day 8th Aug. 1853,before me James BLACKWELL, a Mag. for the district and state aforesaid personally came Frederic LUCIUS age 89 years, a resident of the district and state aforesaid, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declares that John ROCHELLE is the son and true representative of Capt. John ROCHELLE, dec'd. who was a Capt. in the 9th reg. of N.C. Cont. commanded by Col. John WILLIAMS in the War of the Am. Rev., that this deponent became acquainted with Capt. John ROCHELE very soon after the war aforesaid and kept up an intimate acq. with the said Capt. ROCHELLE, dec'd until the day of his death which took place on or about the day of 16 May A.D.1802, that he well remembers that Capt. ROCHELLE aforesaid lived with his wife Patience ROCHELLE in Richland District in the aforesaid state of S.C. for several years previously to his death, that Capt. ROCHELLE and Patience ROCHELLE his wife actually lived together as husband and wife up to the day of the death of the former, and were always so considered, that they had several children as such and it comes within the personal knowledge of this deponent to state that all of said

children are now dead except John ROCHELLE the claimant in this case, and Allen ROCHELLE who moved to the state of Tenn. about thirty years ago and has not been heard of for many years and it has also been reported and believed that he is also dead, and it may be the more ? believed from the fact that nothing has heard of one said Allen ROCHELLE for 30 years, and were from his advanced age, that after the death of Capt. J. ROCHELLE aforesaid, his widow, Patience ROCHELLE, dec'd. lived for some time in Richland District aforesaid, and then moved to the district of Union in the state aforesaid, where she lived for sometime and then moved to the district of Spartanburg in the state aforesaid, where she died on or about the 31 day of Aug. A. D. 1841, in the 85, year of her age, still being the widow of the aforesaid Capt. John ROCHELLE, and never having been married after the death of said Capt. J. ROCHELLE until the day of her death; and ? declares that he has no interest whatever in the result of this case of John ROCHELLE for the pension of his Father, and that the facts stated in this affidavit, ? come within the knowledge of this deponent from the facts that he knew Capt. J. ROCHELLE dec'd when very young and having lived near him and all his family ever since, except those of it who have moved from the state, and having personal knowledge of such facts ,as are state above.

Sign:Frederic LUCIUS, X his mark

James BLACKWELL

South Carolina-Richland district-22 Jan.1854

James BOSTWRIGHT personally appeared before James L. GUIGNARD, Judge of the court of Ordinary for the district aforesaid, Mr. BOSTWRIGHT being 80 years of age, a resident of district and state, and sworn according to law, declares upon oath that he know well Capt. John ROCHELLE dec'd who served as Captain in the 9th reg. of N. C. Continentals comm. by Col. John WILLIAMS in the war of the Rev. and that this deponent moved to and became a Resident of the said district of Richland S.C. in the year 1791,during which year he made the acquaintance of the said Capt. John ROCHELLE aforesaid, he the said Capt. ROCHELLE then being a citizen of Richland district of Richland in the state of S. C. that citizen of Richland district of Richland in the state of S.C. that and well remembers that the said Capt. ROCHELLE then in the year 1791,aforesaid,lived with his wife Patience ROCHELLE, that the said John and the said Patience actually lived together as husband and wife and were so considered in the community. that the said John and Patience ROCHELLE in the said year 1791 had five children living, that the ? one of these children were now living, would be between seventy five years of age, that they were considered lawfully married. Capt. John ROCHELLE died about the year 1802,leaving his wife Patience ROCHELLE surviving him,that after his death she moved to Spartanburg or Union district where she died about 1841.

(etc) Signed James BOSTWRIGHT

(other statements describe John ROCHELLE Jr. as the identical brother of Allen ROCHELLE--does this make them twins, or identify them as brothers only.)

!MARRIAGE-State of N.C.-Wake Co.-I Thomas J. ARTTEY, Clerk of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in the County aforesaid do certify that the following Marriage Record appears in the file in my office:
State of N.C.-Wake Co.

Know all men by these present that one John ROCHELLE and John RICE both of the county and state aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto his excellency, Thos. BURKE, Esq. Governor and his successors in office in the sum of five hundred pounds current money of the state aforesaid to which payment will and duly to be made and done we bond ourselves and each of us over and each of our heirs and jointly and severally ,firmly by these presents sealed with our seal and dated this 8 day of Sept. Anno domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden John ROCHELL hath this day applied for and obtained a licence to be joined in the holy state of matrimony with Patience THOMAS ,now if therefore their be no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage for which the said license was obtained the above obligation to be void, also to be and remains in full price and virtue.

Sign: John ROCHELLE (seal)

J. RICE (seal)

Raleigh. N. C.-31 Jan.1854-Thm. J. ARTTEY, Clerk

SOURCE-National Archives-Rev. War Pension Records for Capt. John ROCHELLE

MILITARY:John ROCHELL served as a Captain under Major James MOORE and Col. John HINTON in a unit of minutemen on the expedition to Moores Creek Bridge. He was in the battle. Journal A pp. 6, 94 [Lewis Bledsoe W17315](#)
Letter from Moores Creek Battleground Association, Inc., dated Dec.6,1991-
"Major James MOORE and Colonel John HINTON-MOORE was from Duplin County and HINTON was from Wake County. Pender County(the site of Moores Creek) was formed from New Hanover County in 1875. Thus, during the Revolution New Hanover County bordered Duplin County and it seems possible that someone from New Hanover might have served in a militia unit from Duplin. Dr. Bobby MOSS, who is conducting a study of the battle participants, has not identified John ROCHELL'S home county. "
SOURCE:Moore Creek Battleground-records compiled by Bledsoe,Lewis-visited M.C.B. Oct.1991.

!MILITARY PENSION RECORD

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South Carolina

Patience ROCHELLE, Dec'd widow of John ROCHELLE who died in the state of S.C. who was a Captain --- in the Rev. War for two years.

Inscribed on the Roll of Charleston at the rate of 480 Dollars and 00 cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1836, & end 4 March 1841.

Certificate of Pension issued the 20th day of March 1854 and sent to Hon. P.S. BROOKS

--- tot he 4th of House of Representatives Per annual allowance ending

She died 31 August 1841.

Revolutionary --- Act, July 7, 1838

Recorded by -----, Clerk

I William HILL, Secretary of State in and for the State of N.C. do hereby certify that it appears of record in this office, that a warrant for sixteen hundred acres of land was issued for the services of Capt. John ROCHELLE who served thirty five months in the Continental Line of the State in the Rev. War, which warrant is no.793,bearing date 16 day of Aug.1821, drawn by Allen ROCHELLE one of the heirs on power of attorney from other heirs.

Given under my hand at Office this 31st
day of Jan. 1854

W. HILL, Sec. of State

SOURCE-State of N.C.-Office of the Secretary of State