

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Benjamin Rhodes W9251

Sobrina (Sabrina)

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Graves County

On this 12th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before Reginald Danidge [?] Judge of the Circuit Court of Graves now sitting Benjamin Rhodes a resident of the said County and Commonwealth aforesaid aged sixty-seven 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 and served as herein stated to wit.

That he volunteered about the first of October in the year 1780 in a company of light horse raised in Guilford County North Carolina by order of Colonel Gillespie and commanded by Captain Asa Brashears Lieutenant James Delay and Ensign Hezekiah Rhodes brother of the Deponent. He states that this company was raised for the purpose of acting and did act as an auxiliary to the Main Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in suppressing the Tories and watching the movements of the British. It was considered a company of minute men and he states that he with them rest of the company was frequently at home for some days at a time but was most of the time in actual service and always with the company when in service which service was employed in scouring the Counties of Guilford, Randolph and Chatham and for a good part of the time in search of a certain Colonel Fanning [David Fanning], a Tory whom they never could catch but quit the country to prevent being taken. He states that he found his own horse and arms while in service which service was of the severest kind as they had to ride in a [indecipherable word or words] both night and day while in service for which he would have got one dollar per day while in service but never received anything. He states that he first volunteered for 3 months but the company being needed he continued in service about 7 months when he was discharged by his Captain Brashears. He states that some twenty-five years ago while residing in the State of Tennessee he met with the misfortune of having his house burnt in which his discharge was burnt also. He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living witnesses whose testimony he could procure to testify to his services but his neighbors to wit Lewis Grarch [?], Ezekiel Edens, John Houseman & others will bear ample testimony as to his character for honesty and veracity. He states that he was raised in Guilford County North Carolina in which State he continued to reside until about 26 years ago when he moved to Tennessee where he resided about 3 years when he moved to Kentucky in which last mentioned state he has continued to reside ever since.

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

S/ Benjamin Rhodes

[Ezekiel Edens & John Houseman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: on July 9, 1857 in Graves County Kentucky, Sabrina Rhodes, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Rhodes; that they married on July 4, 1805 in Onzalaw [sic, Onslow?] County North Carolina; that her husband the was a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$28.50 per annum; that her husband died in Graves County Kentucky March 1, 1834.]

[fn p. 9: own July 9, 1857 in Graves County Kentucky John B. Rhodes and Rhoda Rhodes gave testimony that they have known Benjamin Rhodes and his wife Sabrina for at least 30 years; that they were not present at the marriage of Benjamin to Sabrina but that Benjamin made a will in which he recognized Sabrina as his wife "...and that all her children are legal heirs of her said husband Benjamin Rhodes deceased that their oldest is named [illegible] Shilton late Asmath Rhodes who is at least fifty years of age or a little more, John B. Rhodes, Silas Rhodes, Benjamin Rhodes and Elizabeth Greer late Elizabeth Rhodes all now alive and four dead...."]