

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Rozier (Rozar), W9264 Chloe Rozier f52SC  
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The State of South Carolina

William Rozier personally appeared before me Abram Nott one of the associate Judges of the said State, who being duly sworn made oath is a citizen resident in the District of Marion - that about the year 1775 he regularly enlisted a soldier under Captain Thomas Pinckney of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment South Carolina Continental Troops then commanded by Col. Christopher Gadsden - that he served for the term of six years (being stationed all that time in the vicinity of Charleston S. C.) and until he was regularly discharged from said enlistment by Capt. Felix Warley who commanded the company at the time of his discharge which discharge has been lost or destroyed - that he is about sixty nine years of age - that he is infirm and obliged to support himself by his personal labor and that he stands greatly in need of pecuniary assistance from his country.

S/ William Rozar



Sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> October 1818

S/ Abm. Nott

I do hereby certify that I am satisfied that the within William Rozar served several years as a soldier in the revolutionary war, & that he is in indigent circumstances and requires the aid of government for support -

S/ Abm. Nott

[p 6: Edward Brown gave an affidavit in support of Rozier's reputation as a soldier saying thar Rozier lived in the home of Brown's father before and after his 6 years in the service.]

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St. James Santee Jan. 7 1819

Sir

I received at this place your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> ultimo and I am happy to find that I have so complete a recollection of my old fellow soldier William Rozar and of his services to be able to confirm the material facts set forth in his affidavit, in which I will pursue the course he has adopted in that affidavit.

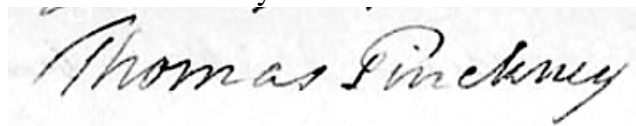
I therefore certify on Honor that I perfectly remember William Rozar being an enlisted soldier in the first Regiment of South Carolina in the Continental establishment at a very early period of the Revolutionary war. I do not remember by whom he was engaged but I recollect

that Sergeant Ervin [probably Hugh Irwin], afterwards Sergeant Major of the Regiment, was one of our most active recruiting Officers – When the Regiment was raised in June 1775 I received a Captain's Commission and commanded a battalion company wherein Rozar first served as private, but he was soon transferred to the light infantry company then commanded by Captain William Cattell: & on his promotion to be a field officer the Light Infantry Company was assigned to me, & Rozar was again under my immediate command, until I was made Major, when the company fell to Captain William Hicks. Our first enlistments were for three years which term Rozar faithfully served, and though I do not recollect the exact time nor the person with whom he served his enlistment, yet he must have made a second engagement, as to the best of my recollection, he served a considerable time beyond the expiration of the first term. He was long a Sergeant in the above company, the exact period I do not recollect. The first Regiment when raised was commanded by Colonel Christopher Gadsden – on his promotion to be Brigadier General he was succeeded in the command by my Brother Charles Cotesworth Pinckney who continued its Colonel to the close of the War. I do not recollect the circumstances of Rozar's discharge, but I have no doubt that his account of it is correct, as it was my duty to furnish the certificate upon which his discharge would be founded; and upon the whole I am well assured that William Rozar is justly entitled to the Pension allowed by the United States to Soldiers for Revolutionary services.

S/ Thomas Pinckney  
late Major 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Regiment South Carolina

I have to request the favor of you, Sir, to forward this certificate to Mr. Rozar with my best wishes for the success of his application & his general welfare & I remain Sir

Your respectful servant  
S/ Thomas Pinckney<sup>1</sup>



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District of Marion SS

O[n] this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district William Rozier aged near seventy one years resident in Marion district who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in the first regiment of foot of So. Carolina in Capt. Wm. Hicks [William Hicks] company date of my original declaration was 27 October 1818. The number of my pension certificate is 13,013. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United states in the revolutionary War, passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed - viz

300 acres of pine land 2 cows and two calves one two year old stear [sic, steer]  
2 Sows & nine pigs 7 Shoats 3 old pots one old frying pan 2 weeding hoes 2  
axes one plough hoe one pewter dish 16 pewter plates 2 pewter basins 5

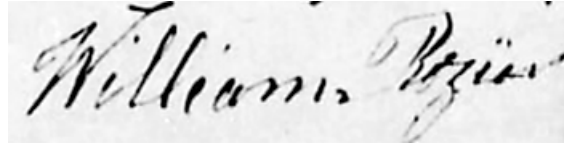
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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Pinckney S46405](#)

similar ones 2 tin ditto 2 tin buckets one stone jar one old grubbing hoe one  
new wedge one two year old steer hide one iron skillet 1 cart saddle & bridle  
the above schedule I subscribe

My occupation is farming but I am personally unable to work being quite dim sighted & feeble  
my wife and daughter my wife named Chloe is 64 years old nearly blind & helpless my daughter  
named Mercy is near 21 years old is able to work.

S/ William Rozier



Sworn to and declared this 25 October 1820  
S/ John T. Richardson, Associate Judge So. Carolina

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State of South Carolina, Marion District

On this Twenty eighth day of August eighteen hundred and forty three personally  
appeared before me William Loyd, one of the Justices of the Peace for Marion District in the  
state aforesaid Chloe Rozier, aged eighty seven years, who is a resident of Marion District, and  
state of South Carolina, 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 4 1836. That she is the widow of William Rozier, who was a soldier in the South  
Carolina line of the Army of the Revolution, and was a pensioner under the act of Congress  
passed 18 March 1818 at the rate of \$96 per annum.

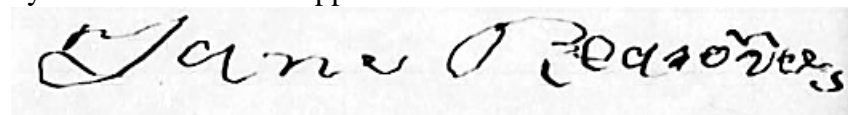
She further declares that she was married to the said William Rozier on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
November, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight, and that her husband the aforesaid  
William Rozier, died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1821 and that she has remained a widow ever since that  
period, as will more fully appear by reference to the annexed.

S/ Chloe Rozier, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.  
S/ Wm. Loyd, Magistrate

[p 40: On October 18, 1843 in Marion District South Carolina, Mrs. Phoebe Rowell, 89, gave  
testimony that she was well acquainted with William Rozier and Chloe Brown before their  
marriage; that they were married in the fall of 1778 by the Reverend David Owens, a Baptist  
clergyman. She signed her affidavit with her mark.

[p 15: On June 9, 1851 in Marion District South Carolina, Jane Reasonover<sup>2</sup> aged 68 gave  
testimony that she is the only child of Chloe Rozier widow of William Rozier, a Sergeant in the  
South Carolina line during the revolution; that her father died October 3, 1821; that her mother  
applied for a pension which was pending at the time of her death on November 7, 1845; that the  
affiant has no record of the marriage of her parents but believes it took place at the time alleged  
by her mother and her application.



[p 16: On September 4, 1845 in Marion District South Carolina, John Collins gave testimony

<sup>2</sup> Other documents in the file indicate that this affiant was the wife of Joseph M Reasonover

that he is in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his age; that he has always resided in Marion District; that he knew both William Rozier and his wife Chloe Rozier before and after the Revolution; that Chloe's name was Miss Brown; that affiant was about 13 years old when William and Chloe were married; he remembers this time because the affiant's brother Dempsey Collins had "paid his address" to Chloe Brown but that his brother's marriage to her never took place as she married William Rozier; that William and chlorate were pious members of the Baptist Church.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 27, 1818, for service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 based on her husband service as a Sergeant in the South Carolina Continental line. A note in the file indicates that her pension terminated on November 7, 1845 when she died.]