

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Rowland W9270

Judith

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State of South Carolina District of Anderson

On this 11th day of February 1845 personally appeared before William Magee Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District in State aforesaid Mrs. Judith Rowland (who I certify is unable by bodily infirmity to attend in open Court) aged eighty-seven years the 5th day of August 1844 and a resident in the District and State aforesaid, 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 4th 1836: That she is the widow of David Rowland who was a private in the War of the Revolution, she supposes in the militia, but as she was not married to him the said David Rowland until after he done part of his service, and as she is now very old and infirm, and was always, very poor and illiterate, unable to write, to keep memorandums of passing events, and not thinking of the necessity of having such things done; she is unable now to tell much of his service; she understood from him however, that he was on Broad River at the time of his first entering service, but she does not know in what District, he was at 96 and assisted in teaching and building the Fort at that place, previous to their marriage, she thinks to that he was at Snow Camp and there got his hand and feet frost bitten, and went to her mother to cure him, by which means she became acquainted with him, and the May after the Battle of 96, or after General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] left that Fort, she was married to the said David Rowland, he was then in the Service under General Greene, but she cannot name the under officers; he went out one trip under Colonel Pickens after the Indians; she cannot say how long he was in the service in all, but thinks he must have been in the actual service at least 3 years, as he was gone nearly all the time after she was married to him, until the war closed, she hopes she will not be cut out of her just rights and turned out a bigger for want of intelligence, and because of her ignorance and imbecility, she knows that she suffered much herself in the war, and that her father lost 3 fine horses, either pressed into service or taken by the enemy, so that he never got them, or anything for them.

She is under the impression that the service done by her husband under Colonel Pickens was after her marriage to him. She cannot possibly, at this advanced age tale a connected story of what transpired so long ago: at some time during the war, her husband was in the Battle of Stono, and she heard him speak of being in service on James Island, and she thinks in some Battle at that place, recollects that he stated that he was in Augusta and perhaps through other parts of Georgia, as well as North and South Carolina; he got a regular discharge about the close of the war, as he was absent from her in the service, almost all the time after their marriage, until the close of the war, but she cannot recollect by whom it was given, she recollects, though that he gave it up to General Samuel Mays for some purpose or other, and never afterwards got it, and

she does not know what became of it; they were poor, and lived about from place to place in Edgefield District until about 36 years ago, and has lived in this District and Pickens (Pendleton Election District) ever since; she lived with her husband the said David Rowland until his death, and had by him 9 children, named as follows, viz.: Lansdale, Sarah, Priscilla, Polly, Alsey, John, Abram & Rebecca, the 9th died an infant and was not named, the first named it was born before the close of the war, and is now living in this District, and is about 64 years old, the others are 3 of them dead, and the balance scattered about here and over the country not very far distant.

Her maiden name was Lansdale.

She further declares that she was married to the said David Rowland and May 1781, as she recollects that it was as above stated, the May after General Greene left 96, and that she was at her marriage, about 24 years old, and was married by William Wiles Esquire at her mother's in Edgefield, that her husband, the aforesaid David Rowland, died on the 5th or 6th day of December 1830, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proofs herewith sent.

S/ Judith Rowland, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year last above written

S/ William Magee, Judge

[fn p. 16: indent issued to David Rowland for 16 pounds, 18 shillings and sixpence sterling for duty in Captain Bower's Independent Company.]

South Carolina Edgefield District: Colonel Zachariah S. Brooks¹ came personally before me and made oath in due form of law, that during the Revolutionary War he was in the service, and frequently at the Block House on Saluda [River] in this District: and there knew a man by the name of David Rowland who was then in service under Captain Oliver Tolls [sic, Oliver Towels] who was then the regular service. He also knew the family of Lansdales who lived near and always understood that the said Rowland married a Lansdale, during the time of his station at the Block House, or during the Revolutionary War. He does not know what became of the said Rowland & wife, but understands that a widow Rowland whom he supposes to be the same resides in Pendleton District in this State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me on this the 11th day of August 1846

S/ Thomas Nicholls, Magistrate E. District

S/ Zack S. Brooks

South Carolina Edgefield District: Mrs. Catherine Minyard came before me personally and made oath in due form of law that she & her husband moved to this District about 1785, after the birth of her 2nd child, that David Rowland & Judith his wife were then in the immediate neighborhood which he moved to & yet lives: that they were then living together as husband & wife, and had 2 or more children, that she thinks Rowland's children were as old or older than her own; Amherst were born according to her family record the first, 27th March 1783, and the 2nd 23rd of February 1785 -- Lansdale was Mrs. Rowland's oldest & she thinks he was at least as old as her oldest. She knew them well and understood that Mrs. Rowland's maiden name was Lansdale, she does not know where they are now, but understood they moved to Pendleton, that the old man is dead & that the widow is yet living up there.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this the 11th day of August 1846

S/ Thomas Nicholls, Magistrate E. District

S/ Catherine Mineard, X her mark

¹ [Zachariah Smith Brooks S9294](#)

South Carolina Edgefield District: Before me personally came William Smith² and made oath in due form of law, that while he was himself serving in the Block House on Saluda [River] in the War of the Revolution, David Rowland was there in service also, in the same company under Tolls as a regular and that during the time of his service there, he was married to Judith Lansdale who lived in the neighborhood, that he deponent did not see them married, but recollects very well to have heard of it at the time, and is as well satisfied that they were lawfully married, as if he had been present, as they always lived together afterwards as husband & wife & he never heard the legality of their marriage doubted. When deponent left Captain Toll's company, he left Roland Blair, which he is certain was after the said marriage. He does not know how long Rowland served, but is under the impression that tour was for 9 months. The said Rowland moved from this District some 35 or 40 years ago & his widow, as deponent understands now lives in Anderson or Pickens District in this State, he being dead. -- deponent knew their children; Lansdale was the oldest & was he thinks born about the close of the war.
Sworn to before made this 11th day of August 1846

S/ William Smith, X his mark

South Carolina Pickens District: Before me personally appeared Mrs. Priscilla Newton an old and respectable, and truthful citizen of Anderson District and made oath in due form of law, that she is the younger Sister of Mrs. Judith Rowland, that she thinks she is about 7 or 8 years younger than her said sister, that she lived with her mother and Edgefield District in this State, when her said Sister, formerly Judith Lansdale, was married to David Rowland, that she thinks it was either at the time stated by her said Sister in her Declaration, or previous to that time, as she has always been under the impression that her said sister Judith was only about 15 years old when she was married, she is sure the marriage must have taken place previous to the last period of service of the said David Rowland in the Revolutionary War, as she recollects, he was absent from his said wife in the said service a good deal and that on one occasion he was taken off by the Tories and said to be hung, and she supposes was partly hung, though not so badly that what he recovered, She knows to that Lansdale Rowland the first child of the said David and Judith Rowland, was born previous to the close of the war: and as he is yet living in the neighborhood, his age will prove the fact; the said David Rowland died about 13 or 14 years ago, in December; and she supposes at the time stated by her sister, his widow.

She dislikes to swear about things that she is it illy able to recollect, but these are as near as she can recollect the facts and circumstances of this matter.

Sworn to 12 February 1845 before

S/ miles M. Norton, notary public

S/ Priscilla Newton, X her mark

South Carolina Pickens District: Before me personally appeared Lansdale Rowland son of Mrs. Judith Rowland (who I certify is a respectable and truthful citizen) and made oath in due form of law, that he believes from what he has always understood from his father (in his lifetime) and mother, that he will be 62 years old next June, that his father's name was David Rowland, and he always understood was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and has often heard him speak of his services, but cannot recollect much of what he stated, thinks he was at Braddock's defeat and at Ninety Six, they lived in Edgefield until about 36 years ago, and then moved up to Pendleton, and have lived within the bounds of Anderson & Pickens ever since. He has always understood

² FPA W3729

that his father the said David Rowland was out in the service after he was married, but cannot recollect the date at which the said marriage was said to have taken place, their legal marriage has never to his knowledge been doubted, and he also understood it from his mother many years ago, that he was born in June, and that his mother was 20 years old the next August afterwards. His father the said David Rowland died about 13 or 14 years ago, and he supposes at the time stated by his mother.

Sworn to 12th of February 1845 before
S/ miles M. Norton, notary public

S/ Lansdale Rowland, X his mark