

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William B. Rice W9625

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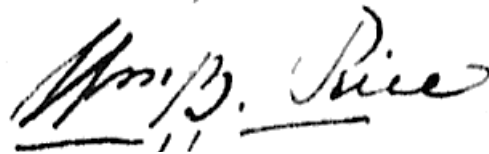
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I William B Rice of the County of Muhlenberg and Commonwealth of Kentucky in the 75th year of my age depose, testify and declare

That in the month of January 1776 I entered under Captain William Campbell (afterwards General Campbell) in the 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry under the direction of the Committee of Safety which was afterwards commanded by Colonel William Christian. On the 1st day of August 1776 I enlisted for three years as Sergeant in the Continental service in the 1st Virginia Regiment under Lieutenant Alexander Cummins the Captain William Lynn, being absent I was then marched to the northern Army under Lieutenant Colonel John Green & under the last arrangement was in Major Richard C. Anderson's Company the Company commanded by Captain Lieutenant Holman Minnis and on the 1st day of August 1779 I was discharged as a Sergeant in the State of New York by General Peter Muhlenberg at this time the Regiment was commanded by Colonel B. Ball. I joined the southern Army in 1780 under General Gates and was appointed quarter master *pro tem* to the 2nd Virginia Regiment by Brigadier General Stephens [Edward Stevens] and left the Army at the close of that Campaign I have been unable to do any labor for many years. I further declare that I am in such reduced circumstances as to need the Assistance of my country for support. I further state that my discharge was filed in the rolls of Virginia and I presume may be found among the records at Richmond Virginia.

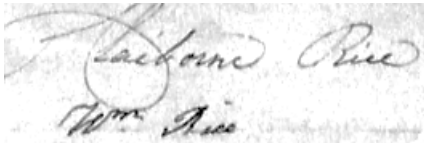
S/ Wm B. Rice



As far as we know or believe the within statement is correct.

S/ Claiborne Rice

S/ Wm Rice



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I Daniel Barbee¹ of Danville in the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky do declare that I

¹ [Daniel Barbee S12951](#)

was a Sergeant in Captain Richard Taylor's Company afterwards commanded by Captain Tarlton Payne of the 1st Virginia Regiment in the Continental line in the Revolutionary War and that William Rice was a Sergeant in Captain Holman Minnis' company in said Regiment and that I always understood he was enlisted for three years, and that sometime in the latter part of the summer or fall of 1779 said Rice was discharged and (as far as I know or believe) he was esteemed a dutiful and obedient Sergeant and that I believe there was no other William Rice in said Regiment, and at the time was only known by the name of William Rice but now by the name of William B Rice.

Given under my hand at Danville the 20 day of September 1819

S/ Danl Barbee

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Liberty November 15, 1819

I do hereby certify that from my infancy I was known by the name of William Rice I enlisted by that name, served and was discharged by that name. And there was no distinction of the addition of the letter B until August 1781. I married and settled in Prince Edward County Virginia in a neighborhood where there were four of the same name and for distinction sake and to save the trouble I added the B and have written my name ever since – Wm B Rice

[f p. 13]

State of Kentucky Casey County: Sct.

On this 25th day of December 1820 Personally appeared in open Court held for Casey County being a Court of Record and proceeding according to the Constitution & laws of said State: William B Rice aged seventy-six years & eight months Resident in the said State & County of Casey, who, being 1st sworn according to law, doth, on his oath; declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows viz.. He states that he enlisted in the year 1775 under Captain William Campbell afterwards General Campbell 1st August 1776 Enlisted under Captain William Linn in the 1st Virginia Regiment Continental line marched to the eastward under Colonel John Green (then Major) afterwards commanded by Colonel Richard Parker who, was succeeded by Colonel B. Ball was discharged in the 1st August 1779 in the state of New York by B. G. Muhlenberg. He further states that he on the __ day of __ 18__ in the Muhlenberg County Circuit Court (which not recollected) made out an affidavit for the purpose of obtaining the provision of an act of Congress of the US passed on the 18th of March 1818 making provision for those persons engaged in the land & naval service of the last Revolutionary war which was forwarded to the Secretary of War of the United States of America, which when acted upon by said War Department, they passed his application as Reasonable; and enrolled him on the pension list of the Kentucky agency at the rate of \$8 per month to commence on the 5th day of October 1818 Under date of 5 April 1820 and that said Certificate have but lately come into his possession & that he hath drawn no part of the money which the said Certificate hath justly entitled him to. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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

contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed which is as follows: viz.

one horse & saddle worth \$50 and not more	\$50.00
1 large Bible worth \$7.50 and not more	7.50
Old books & pamphlets worth \$4.50 and not more	4.50
debts on account \$14 and not more	<u>14.00</u>
	\$75.00

S/ Wm B. Rice

Occupation a farmer unable to Labor – he further states that he has a small family to wit; a wife sixty-three years of age, and daughter about 21 years of age a girl bound to said daughter 6 years of age all of whom are unable to support & maintain me & themselves

S/ Wm B. Rice

[f p. 9: On September 12, 1827, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Missouri agency giving as his reason for moving to Missouri to be near his children.]

[f p. 17: On May 3, 1843, in Montgomery County Missouri, Rebecca Rice, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William B Rice, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him August 14, 1781 and that he died March 1, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 20: family register:

Marriages

Wm B. Rice & Rebecca Ellington married August 14th, 1781

Benj. B. Rice & Eliza Bryan married October 17th 1821

Births

Wm B. Rice Son of David & May Rice was born April 27, 1744

Rebecca Ellington Daughter of Jacob & Martha Ellington was born March 1st, 1758

David M. Rice son of Wm B. Rice was born Sept. 9th 1782

Wm G. Rice son of Wm B. & Rebecca Rice was born April 4th 1788

Mary A. E. S. Daughter of Wm B & Rebecca Rice was born Novem. 12th 1784

Benj Rice son of Wm B & Rebecca Rice was born Novem. 15th 1790

Calia L. Rice daughter of Wm B & Rebecca was born September 21 [year obliterated]

[next entry obliterated]

Saml R. Rice son of Wm B & Rebecca Rice born Novem. 28 [year obliterated]

Wm B. Rice Son of Benj. B. & Eliza Rice Born [illegible]

Christine D. Rice Daughter of B. B. Rice & Eliza Rice Born October 8th [?] 1822

Lucinda Rice Daughter of B B Rice & Eliza Rice Born Sept. 4th 1824

Sophia W. Rice Daughter of Eliza & Benjamin Rice Born 22 July 1826

David ? Rice son of Benj. & Eliza Rice Born April 16? 1828

John G. Rice son of Ben. & Eliza Born Feb 5th 1830

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 5, 1818, for service as a Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line for 3 years. His pension was increased to \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending March one, 1838 when he died. His widow was pensioned in a similar amount.]