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Pension application of Ripley Copland (Copeland) W9811 Rachel Copland f56NC
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State of South Carolina

On this 10th day of October 1819, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Equity & of the Court of Appeals for the said State, personally appeared Ripley Copland, aged about fifty-eight years, resident in the district of Sumter and the said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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,"

That he the said Ripley Copland enlisted for the term of three years in the year 1777 in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Matthew Ramsay, of the 9th Regiment commanded by Colonel Maburn [sic, Mebane] in the line of said State; that he was afterwards, at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, transferred to the first Regiment in the same line, & shortly afterwards was drawn as one of a light infantry company commanded by Captain Bowman, which was attached to a Corps under the command of General Wayne; that he was afterwards again restored to the first Regiment aforesaid then commanded by Colonel Clark which was ordered to Charleston South Carolina during the siege thereof, and that his time of service having been expired he was there discharged by Colonel Clark; that he was in the battles of Monmouth & Stony Point, & in various skirmishes; that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the papers hereto annexed.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Tho. Waties, Judge

S/ Ripley Copland



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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 15th of November 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that, it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line for the Revolutionary War that Ripley Copeland a private in Captain Ramsey's Company of the 9th Regiment was mustered the 10th March 1777 for three years and that he was discharged the 15th March 1780.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

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State of South Carolina Darlington District: SS: Personally appeared James Kilgore before me Albert Fort one of the Justices of the Quorum for said District who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, who saith, that Ripley Copeland served as a Soldier in the time of the Siege Before Charleston surrendered to the British – this deponent saith Before the Surrender of Charleston, the said Ripley Copeland was discharged from the service of the United States. This deponent further saith that he was a Continental Soldier at the same time.

Sworn to before me this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord 1819

S/ James Kilgore, JK his mark

S/ Alb Fort, JQ

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State of South Carolina Chesterfield District: This is to certify that Nicholas Copeland Senior appeared before me one of the Justices in and for said District and certifieth [sic] that he was knowing to a certain man going to the regular service in the old Revolution service by the name of Ripley Copeland and he further saith that he believes that the said Ripley Copeland brought with him a discharge from the Regular service and that he is certain that he received a land warrant from the said Ripley Copeland and traded it to his own service.

Sworn to and assigned the second October 1818 before me

S/ Nicholas Copeland, JP

S/ Nicholas Copeland, X his mark

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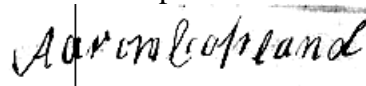
State of South Carolina Chesterfield District

This day personally appeared Aron Copeland before me the subscribing Justice, who after being duly sworn on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God, saith that sometime in the forepart of the Revolutionary War, his Brother Ripley Copeland entered the Service of the United States as a Soldier, this deponent says he did not see him Enlist, but that after he had enlisted he returned home and informed his father this deponent and the rest of the family that he had Enlisted for the term of three years. This deponent further says that after the Officer who Enlisted him had remained in the Settlement for several weeks and had raised a number of other recruits he marched them off and that he saw the said Ripley Copeland marched off with them and was gone about three years as well as he recollects. This deponent also states that when the said Ripley Copeland returned home he recollects he showed his discharge to his father and Brothers and that he heard his father read the same.

Sworn to before me the 27th of September 1819

S/ John Lowery, QU

S/ Aaron Copland



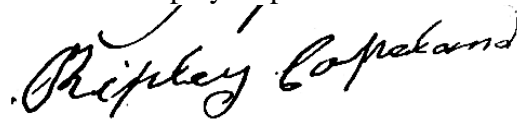
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South Carolina Sumter District: I Ripley Copeland of Sumter District in the State of South Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and continued in the service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Joshua Bowman's company in the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina line and I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of

Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 and I further declare that I was not on the 15th May 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this 27 day of October 1828.

S/ Ripley Copeland



[John McDonald, Senior and Major Addison Scarborough gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Sumter District

on this thirtieth day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Presiding Judge of the court of Common Pleas of South Carolina for the District of Sumter Ripley Copeland Senior a resident of Sumter District aged seventy-one years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832 – that he Enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 10th day March for three years and served in the Regiment the 9th till the next spring – then was transferred to the 1st Regiment of North Carolina Troops under Colonel Clark, he Enlisted under Captain Ramsey and was discharged on 15 March 1780 under Captain Bowman. This Deponent resided in Chatham County North Carolina when he enlisted. This Deponent says that he was in the Battle of Monmouth which took place 28 June 1778, also in Battle Stony Point on 15 July 1779 and engaged in other Skirmishes in the Jerseys: this Deponent further says he was discharged in Charleston South Carolina on 15 March 1780. The deponent further states that his discharge was signed by General Lincoln Colonel Clark & Captain Bowman. This Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

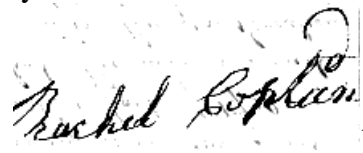
Sworn to before

S/ JB Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ Ripley Copeland

[The Reverend Henry D Green gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On November 13, 1845 in Sumter District South Carolina Rachel Copeland, 83, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Ripley Copeland, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in the month of March 1781 on the Sabbath after the battle of Guilford Court House; that her husband died June 6, 1843; that he enlisted in 1778 under Matthew Ramsay



[p 9: family record]

Ripley Copland the son of Ripley Copland and Rachel his wife was born July 25 day 1793

Ruben Copland was born August the 5 day 1795

Sarah was born July the 5 day 1797 Copland

[indecipherable name]¹ was born [indecipherable] 4 1802
Mary Copland was born April the 3 1804

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State.

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Ripley Copland a private Soldier in Captain Ramsay's Company of the 9th Regiment, entered the service on the 10th day of March 1777 for the term of the war, and that he was discharged on the 15th day of March 1780.

Given under my hand this 18th day of August 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.

¹ The war Department decipher this name as "Elley" born February 4, 1802