

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Rice D. Montague: W2416

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State of Virginia Cumberland County to wit

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Cumberland Rice D. Montague a resident of the said County and State of Virginia who being first 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 the 7th. 1832 That he is a native of the County of Cumberland and is now in his 67th year of age that he has always resided in the said County. That when he was in his 17th. year of age he was drafted to perform a three months tour of duty in the Malitia. That he marched from said County in the year 1780 to the best of his recollection under Capt Charles Ballow [or Ballon], that they marched first to Hillsborough North Carolina, and set out from there to CharlesTown [sic: Charleston SC] That he was with the Army when it met the enemy at the battle of Cambden [sic: Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], and was in that action, that this Company to which he belonged was attached to Colo. Spencers [Joseph Spencer's] Regiment and in Genl Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] brigade. That some short time after Genl. [Horatio] Gates defeat at Cambden he was discharged and returned home, that although the tour was intended for a three months tour yet it proved to be four months before his return home. That the 2d tour of duty which he performed was a three months tour of duty in 1781 in Capt William Merediths Company and Major John Hatcher (who is now present and testifying to the fact) as his Lieutenant that they joined the Marquis DeLafayettes Army near Richmond and was discharged near the Raccoon Ford [sic: Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River], and returned home with his Lieut. John Hatcher, and begs leave to refer to his declaration for a history of this service. That his third and last tour of duty was performed shortly afterward at the Siege of York, when all the Malitia were called out he thinks he was about [sic: out] about 2 months making in the whole service during the war about nine months.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Rice D Montague

NOTES:

A typed summary in the file states that Rice D. Montague first enlisted as a substitute for his brother, Thomas Montague.

On 5 Sep 1853 Ann Montague, about 70, applied for a pension in Montgomery County VA, stating that her late husband had moved there from Cumberland County after he began receiving a pension. She stated that they were married in Oct 1830, and that he died on 3 April 1849. In the file is a copy of a bond dated 5 Oct 1830 signed by Rice D. Montague and Frances Armistead for the marriage of Montague to Ann Adams of Cumberland County. On 18 June 1855 in Montgomery County Ann Montague applied for bounty land. The typed summary adds that Ann Montague in 1866 referred to a widowed daughter, and to a son named Rice D. Montague, who was a resident of Christiansburg and Clerk of the court of Montgomery County.