Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Rice W5694 Martha f25VA
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State of Virginia Henrico County to wit

On this 29th day of August 1844 personally appeared before me Thomas S Dicken a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Martha Rice aged about eighty-nine years widow of Richard Rice deceased who first being 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 7th 1838 –

That she is the widow of Richard Rice deceased who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. She is unable to say precisely how long her husband was in service, what officers he was under at any time, or what Battles he was engaged in, but believes her husband the said Richard was about five years in service from what he has frequently told her, she recollects seeing his discharge which he had when he died, but since his death it has been mislaid or lost. She has also heard him speak of having been to the South.

She was married to the said Richard Rice in the County of Henrico sometime in the fall of the year 1781 or 82 perhaps later by Parson Webber not having a family register she cannot be positive as to the time only that it was prior to 1794 – that her husband aforesaid died some time about the year 1800 and that she has remained a widow ever since his death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on this __ day of __ 1844 before me S/ Thos. S. Dicken, JP S/ Martha Rice, X her mark

I Joseph Brown of the County of Henrico and State of Virginia aged about eighty years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Richard Rice deceased who was an old Revolutionary Soldier and died in this County many years ago, and being called on to say what I know of the service of Richard Rice during the Revolutionary War, and also of his marriage to Martha Cotrell who he left a widow; I have to state that I was not old enough myself to be in the old war, but I know that Richard Rice did enlist for three years, and that after he served his enlistment out, he was again in service, and I have always heard that he served about five years in all, I have frequently heard the said Rice and my Father (Micajah Brown) speak of their hardships during the war, And I also recollect that Richard Rice, Thomas Ginnett, and my father were called "the Regulars" and that Thomas Ginnett till he died drew a pension of \$96: I also

¹ Sic, Thomas Genat or Ginnett FPA S39619. In his application Ginnett states he served in the 5th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment under Captain John Pleasants; that when the company went North Mosley [William Mosley] became the Captain; that he was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and was discharged at Valley Forge by Colonel Davies. He referred to **John Burton S46831** to support his application.

certify that said Richard Rice was married to Martha Cotrell daughter of old Richard Cotrell of this County prior to the year 1794, and that my belief is that it was not long after the close of the war, for shortly after they were married, the said Richard Rice & wife Martha moved to the County of Rockingham Virginia where they lived 2 or 3 years, after which time they moved back to Henrico to Richard Cotrell's his wife's Father's and in about 10 years, he the said Richard Rice died in the County about the year 1800 as well as I can recollect. Given under my hand this 16th day of September 1845 –

S/ Joseph Brown, X his mark

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 29th day of April 1783, in the name of Richard Rice, as a Soldier of Infantry for £57.11.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 9th day of April 1845.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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Richard Rice is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private of the Continental line for three years Service

Council Chamber

Samuel Coleman

December 3 1795 Robert Brooke Buckingham 18th of November 1788

I assigned over my right, title &c for value received to Thomas Molloy his heirs and assigns forever.

Richard Rice, X his mark

The above is an extract from the Records of the Virginia Land Office

T. H. Parker, Reg. L. Office

If p. 24: Mary Smoote gave testimony on April 3, 1845 that she was present at the marriage of Martha Cotrell to Richard Rice and that they were married in 1782 after his return from service. She states that she, affiant, is 78 years old. In a supplemental affidavit, she states that she remembers the wedding being in 1782 because it was the 1st wedding she ever went to and she knew she was 15 years old at that time. Barton Smoote also gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of Richard Wright's as a revolutionary soldier and of the fact of his having married Martha Cotrell.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia line for 2 years.]

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The <u>Library of Virginia</u> online digital collection relating to bounty land claims honored by that state includes the following document that may relate to this veteran:

Copy

Charlestown May 15th 1780

This is to certify that Richard Rice enlisted the 1st day of November 1777 for the term of 3 years. S/ Jno. H. Fitzgerald

Captain Lieutenant 2nd Virginia Regiment

[digital image of the original of the above as posted on the Library's website]

