

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peyton Rudder R17581

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[Note: There is no application in this file. The following letter which is in a very difficult handwriting to decipher is the only document of substance in this file. It is heavily edited for spelling.]

[Envelope: Benj. C. Cock, Esq.  
or of about D. H. Word, Esq.  
Washington City  
D. C.

Milton N.C. June 13th 1853

Dear Sir,

I have been applied to by Mrs. Elmira Robertson in relation to claim of her two children Mary Ann Robertson and John E. Robertson to the pension money due from the estate of their great uncle Peyton Rudder late of Charlotte County Virginia an officer of the Virginia line in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Rudder left no children and Edward Robertson the father of the two children here named and a Mrs. Eleanor Crowder who lives in Kentucky were the children of a deceased sister and five persons by the name of Finch. Adam Finch and others are claiming what is due to their uncle on account of his services he being one of the officers of the Virginia line who were entitled to half pay. Mrs. Robertson states that a man by the name of Bedford in Charlotte County is prosecuting the claim and she thinks their purpose is to [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> her children out of their [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup> their father and Mrs. Eleanor Crowder widow of Robert A. Crowder deceased were the children of Polly Rudder, who married Christopher Robertson deceased.

You will please look into the matter and have the children of Mrs. Robertson made party claimants for the pension and she will pay you for your trouble & expect to go up to Rockingham County tomorrow to attest to the application of a widow of a soldier of the Revolution whose husband drew a pension under a former act of Congress and who was [indecipherable word or words]<sup>3</sup> since 1800. Right knee as soon as you look into the matter referred to in this letter.

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Yours truly  
S/ Nathaniel J Palmer