Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Rhodes R8727 Elizabeth fn30NC Transcribed by Will Graves 1/3/10

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1845 Be it known that on the 23rd day of May 1845 before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held in and for said County personally appeared William Rhodes a resident of Wake County and having been duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed the 7th of July's 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" that he is the son of Elizabeth Rhodes widow of Jeremiah Rhodes deceased late a soldier of the Revolutionary War, that the services of the said Jeremiah Rhodes his father have been duly described and declared in the application made under the Act of 7th of June 1832, 1 to which he would refer in support of this declaration -- that his mother the said Elizabeth Rhodes, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Ferrell was legally married in the County of Wake to his father the said Jeremiah Rhodes in the month of November 1784, that they lived together as husband and wife up to the period of his death the 20th of December 1838, that his mother continued a widow up to the time of her death which happened at the 25th day of May 1842 in the 84th year of her age leaving a number of children hereinafter to be named of home the oldest is this declarant now in the 59th year of his age, that she was not married to his father the said Jeremiah Rhodes before the termination of his military services but previous to the first January 1794, at the time above stated. This declarant makes this application therefore in behalf as well of himself, asked, John and Jesse Rhodes, Clara King, Susan Pace, Sarah Ellis, Elizabeth Powell and Nancy Woodward her only surviving children.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ William Rhodes

S/ James T. Marriott, CC

[fn p. 6: copy of the marriage bond issued to Jeremiah Rhodes & William Bunch, bondsmen, to secure the marriage of Jeremiah Rhodes to Elizabeth Ferrell issued November 5, 1784 and Wake County North Carolina.]

[fn p. 18]

State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1845

Be it known that on the 23rd day of May 1845 before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for said County, personally appeared William Rhodes a resident of said County and having been duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

¹ There is no such application in this file, nor did I find a likely file in which it may have been mistakenly filed.

That he is the son of Jeremiah Rhodes deceased, who was a soldier of the War of the Revolution, that his father the said Jeremiah Rhodes served 3 or 4 tours of duty in the militia service of the State of North Carolina, according to declarations he has frequently heard him make, which from his statements amounted to more than eighteen months service, under the following named officers, to wit, Captain Woodson Daniel Captain, John Whitley, Captain Lewis Bledsoe and Captain Edmund Griffin -- that his father performed the services alleged by him, he has no doubt of whatever -- That he was very old and infirm the latter years of his life and was ignorant for a long time that he was entitled to a pension, and when he was satisfied of the fact, he was too infirm and ignorant to seek for persons by whom he could prove his services, and continued to lament to the time of his death his inability from the above causes to obtain that, to which, he was considered by all who knew him to be justly entitled -- that his father the said Jeremiah Rhodes died on the 20th of December 1838 in the 80th year of his age leaving a widow the mother of this declarant Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes who died on the 25th day of May 1842 in the 84th year of her age leaving the following named children, to wit, William Rhodes (this declarant), John and Jesse Rhodes, Clara King, Susan Pace, Sarah Ellis, Elizabeth Powell and Nancy Woodward, in behalf of as well as himself as the Administrator of the said Jeremiah Rhodes, this declarant now makes this application.

S/ William Rhodes

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court S/ James T. Marriott, Clerk

[fn p. 23: on July 14, 1854, in Wake County, North Carolina, Henry and Clara King executed a power of attorney seeking to recover whatever may be due her as the daughter of Jeremiah Rhodes for his services in the revolutionary war.]

[fnp. 28: on April 25, 1853, in Wake County North Carolina, Berry Ellis, husband of Sally Rhodes Ellis, a daughter of Jeremiah Rhodes, executed a power of attorney seeking recovery for whatever may have been do you Jeremiah Rhodes as a soldier in the revolution.]