

RODEN.003 TWO AFFIDAVITS MADE BY RODENS ASKING TO OBTAIN REVOLUTIONARY PENSION RIGHTS...THE FIRST IS THE APPLICATION OF GEORGE ROWDON (RODEN). THE SECOND ONE IS THE APPLICATION OF SUSANNAH RODEN, WIDOW OF JEREMIAH RODEN, ASKING FOR PENSION BENEFITS FOR HER HUSBAND'S REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE IN S.C. (S. 15623)

#### GEORGE ROWDON'S APPLICATION

STATE OF KENTUCKY ) s.s.? On the 2nd day of February 1834  
GRAVES COUNTY ) personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the county and state aforesaid, GEORGE ROWDON aged 90 years and 11 months, a resident of said county of Graves and the state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (tours) he states that he was born in the County of Calvert and State of Maryland on the 25th day of March 1743 (he once had a record of his age but it is now lost out of his possession).

The declarant's father moved with him from Calvert County Maryland when he (the) declarant was a child say 4 or 5 years old and settled in Frederick County Virginia on the Shenandoah River when the declarant lived with his father until about the year 1763 when he, with his father, migrated to Camden District in the state of South Carolina.

That he first entered the service of the United States in the said District of Camden and state of South Carolina in the month of May in the year 1778 as a private, drafted militia man and was placed under the command of CAPTAIN JOHN WINN with whom he marched on an expedition against SAINT AUGUSTINE in East Florida and joined (near Augusta in Georgia) a large Corps of troops under the command of GENERAL ROBERT HOWE-with whom he marched as far as the Oconia River when he was ordered to stop and stay with a sick man by CAPTAIN WINN, who gave him a written order for that purpose he stayed with the sick man (who was afflicted with a swelling in the groin) until the month of September 1778, when returned home with him where he arrived in the later part of September 1778, he states that he was in the service of the United States four months and two weeks, his tours to wit under CAPTAIN JOHN WINN and GENERAL ROBERT HOWE-in the year of 1778 and that he received written discharge.

The declarant states that he entered the services of the United States the 2nd time in the said District of Camden and state of South Carolina in the month of April 1779, Savannah in Georgia, was at this time was occupied by the British, which caused the Tory population of South Carolina to be

troublesome to quell which mounted company of militia men were kept in continual motion. The declarant joined one of these mounted companies at the time and place above stated and volunteer private, furnishing his own horse, he states that he entered for six months and that the said company was raised by order of GENERAL RICHARD WINN of the South Carolina Militia, and that said company was placed under the command of CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_THREEWITTS with whom the declarant marched to the plantation of \_\_\_\_\_ANKRAM on the Congaree, where they kept their headquarters about three months ranging over and protecting the country from ANKRAM. The declarant with CAPTAIN THREEWITTS, marched to Orangeburg where they remained stationed three months after which the declarant was discharged by CAPTAIN THREEWITTS. He states that he served six months, this tour under CAPTAIN THREEWITTS and that he was the commanding officer on the expedition.

The declarant states that he entered the service of the United States, his third tour, in the said District of Camden and state of South Carolina as a drafted private militia man, he was drafted for a six months tour of duty and was placed in a company commanded by CAPTAIN JOHN JOINER. He marched with Captain Joiner in the month of March 1780 to a place called the FOUR HOLES, not far from Charleston, at which place he joined a considerable corps of drafted militia under the command of COLONEL HOPKINS. He remained in the service under these officers, stationed occasionally at the FOUR HOLES until the month of September 1780, in which month he was discharged by CAPTAIN JOINER. He states that he served six months under the above named officers at the time above stated.

He states that he entered the service of the United States, his fourth tour, as a mounted volunteer militia man private. He furnished his own horse. He entered in the said District of Camden and State of South Carolina in the month of January 1781 under CAPTAIN JOHN MCCOOL and marched with Captain McCool and his company in pursuit of the Tory, COLONEL WILL CUNNINGHAM. They pursued the Tories to the Congaree (River) and down that river distance and after securing the country for sometime, we returned home when your detachment we disbanded with the rest of the company by CAPTAIN MCCOOL in the month of February 1781. He states that he served one month under CAPTAIN MCCOOL and that he was the commanding officer on the expedition.

He states that he entered the service of the United States the 5th time, immediately after his return from the expedition under CAPTAIN MCCOOL in the month of February 1781, he was drafted as a private this time by order of GENERAL RICHARD WINN for four months duty in the said district of Camden and state of South Carolina. He entered under CAPTAIN LYLE and marched to Orangeburg, where he joined a regiment under CAPTAIN HOPKINS. He states that he remained

under COLONEL HOPKINS at Orangeburg four months when he was discharged by CAPTAIN LYLES. He states that he served four months this time under CAPTAIN LYLES and COLONEL HOPKINS. He was discharged in the month of June 1781.

The declarant served his 6th tour of duty as a private in the year 1781. He was drafted in the said district of Camden and state of South Carolina for three months tour of duty. He entered in the month of July 1781 and was placed in a company commanded by CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_MARTIN. He marched with CAPTAIN MARTIN to join GENERAL GREEN but did not reach GENERAL GREEN in cause given of some misconduct of CAPTAIN MARTIN, who deserted his company in the beginning of September 1781, just before the battle of the Ewtaw Springs. In consequence of which dishonor the whole company returned home he states, that he served two months this tour under CAPTAIN MARTIN.

Then your declarant served 4 months and two weeks in the year 1778, under CAPTAIN JOHN WINN and GENERAL HOWE, six months under CAPTAIN THREEWITTS in the year 1779, six months under CAPTAIN JOHN JOINER and COLONEL HOPKINS in the year 1780, one month in the same year under CAPTAIN JOHN MCCOOL, four months under CAPTAIN LYLES and COLONEL HOPKINS in the year 1781 and two months in the same year under CAPTAIN MARTIN, making in the whole one year and eleven months and two weeks besides a variety of small scouting tours which he has not enumerated. He states that he has a long since lost all his discharges and that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no living witnesses by whom he can prove his services. He states that ASA DODSON, TOLTEUR? E. SLAYDON, JOHN CLAPP, ADAM CLAPP, ANDERSON GREGORY (ESQ?) are his neighbors who will deem ample testimony to his character for acracity (accuracy?) and as to his reputation of having been a soldier of the Revolution, 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 or levities whatever.

The declarant states that he moved from CAMDEN DISTRICT SOUTH CAROLINA to WARREN COUNTY TENNESSEE in the year 1817 and from thence he moved to MADISON COUNTY ALABAMA in the year of 1821 and from thence he moved to GRAVES COUNTY KENTUCKY in the year 1830 where he has resided ever since and where he presently resides.

(SIGNED BY) GEORGE ROWDON

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid

(SIGNED BY) MATTHEW TRAVIS J.P.

WE WILLIAM HOLIFIELD-a clergyman residing in Graves County Kentucky and EWIN ANDERSON, a resident of the same county and state hereby certify that we are well acquainted with GEORGE ROWDON, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be NINETY YEARS and SEVEN MONTHS of

age, that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion not having any doubt what ever of his having such.

(SIGNED BY) WM. HOLIFIELD  
EWIN ANDERSON

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace of the County and State aforesaid.

(SIGNED BY) MATTHEW TRAVIS J.P.

And I the said MATTHEW TRAVIS, A Justice of the Peace in and far the said county of Graves and state of KENTUCKY do hereby certify to be my opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the WAR DEPARTMENT that the above named applicant was a soldier of the Revolution and served as he states, and I do further certify that it appears to me that the said WILLIAM HOLIFIELD, who has signed the proceeding certificate is a clergyman, residing in the said county of Graves and state of Kentucky and that EWIN ANDERSON, who has signed the same certificate is also a resident citizen of the same county and state and is a credited person and that their statements are entitled to credit and I do further certify that the said applicant from age and infirmity is unable to attend court for the purpose of proving declaration given under my hand as a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid this 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1834.

(SIGNED BY) MATTHEW TRAVIS J.P.

STATE OF KENTUCKY ) I JOHN ANDERSON, Clerk of the County  
GRAVES COUNTY ) Court for the County aforesaid, do hereby  
certify that MATTHEW TRAVIS, whose name is signed to the  
three preceding certificates, is now and was at the time of  
signing, the same or Justice of the Peace for the county and  
state aforesaid, duly sworn commissioned and qualified as  
such and that full faith and credit is due to all his acts as  
such.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
caused the Seal of the County to be hereunto affixed? the  
FIRST (1ST) day of MARCH 1834 in the 42nd year of the  
COMMONWEALTH.

(SIGNED BY) JOHN ANDERSON

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF SUSANNAH RODEN, WIDOW OF  
JEREMIAH RODEN (NUMBER R.8926) ASKING TO RECEIVE HER  
HUSBAND'S PENSION BENEFITS FOR HIS REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE

AFFIDAVIT OF SUSANNAH RODEN (NUMBER R.8926)

THE STATE OF ALABAMA) On this 14th day of April 1855,  
DEKALB COUNTY ) personally appeared before me REUBEN  
ESTES, Judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County and the  
state of Alabama, SUSANNAH RODEN, a resident of DeKalb County  
and sate of Alabama, aged about 103 years, who being first

duly sworn according to law. doth on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An Act Granting Half Pay & Pensions to Certain Widows" that she is the widow of JEREMIAH RODEN, who was a Private in the Company Commanded by Major Bond and Colonel Lacy, in the war of the Revolution with great Britain, that her said husband was drafted or volunteered at or near Brushy Fork on Sandy River, in the state of SOUTH CAROLINA, not far from Fish Dam on Broad River but cannot tell for what length of time he volunteered or was drafter or when or where he was discharged, she being at such an advanced age has forgotten nearly all except that he was in a skirmish against Tories at the Bond's House as the Records of the Army will probably show.

She further declares that she was married to the said JEREMIAH RODEN on the 28th day of April 1783 thence at or near Edgefield or Barnwell Districts in South Carolina by John Wilkinson, a Baptist Clergyman and that her husband, the aforesaid JEREMIAH RODEN died in DeKalb County on the 1st day of January 1857-that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz at the time before stated. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made application for a pension except one that was considered informal.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED ON THE DAY AND YEAR ABOVE WRITTEN BEFORE

(SIGNED) SUSANNAH (X) RODEN  
HER MARK

WITNESS

Andrew (Poare?)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 16th day of April A.D. 1855

(SIGNED) R. ESTES  
Judge of Probate

NOTE: The widow Susannah Roden applied for pension on May 29th 1854 while a resident of DeKalb County Alabama and then gave her age as about 98 years; she stated in 1855 she was about 103 years old.

The claim was not allowed as proof of service, as required by the pension law, was not furnished.

Reference was made in 1854 to four of the children of JEREMIAH and Susannah Roden, then living, but their names and ages were not given.

End of Roden.3 Data. s to Mrs. Jan Wilson  
Burnett, widow of  
John Burnette 3rd. Children: Wm. F. Sr 5/, Nancy  
R. 5/, Louisia 5/, Missouri 5/, Sarah 5/, Napoleon  
5/, Margaret 5/, Catherine 5/, and Jeremiah Roden

5/.

children of William F. Roden Sr. 5:/

a. William F. Roden Jr. 6/.

children of Nancy R. Roden 5/.

a. Telitha 6/.

iv. Martha Roden 4/.