

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Presley Raines R8560

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Virginia, Augusta County SS

On this 27th day of January in the year 1824 in open Court being a Court of Record for said County (in which proceedings are had according to the course of the common law, which has unlimited jurisdiction in civil cases in point of amount, has the power of fine and imprisonment and has all its proceedings duly registered) personally appeared Presley Raney [sic] aged a little upwards of sixty years, a resident citizen of the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare. That in the month of May in the year 1779 at the Bowling Green in the County of Caroline, he enlisted for & during the War with Cary Wyatt then a recruiting Sergeant belonging to the company of Artillery commanded by Captain Christopher Roane which was attached to the Regiment commanded by Charles Dabney of the County of Hanover. – That he was at the siege of York and continued in service until the 9th day of April next thereafter when he was honorably discharged at York by Cary Wyatt and Abner Crump – That many years since he gave his discharge to Colonel Daniel Coleman of Caroline County to enable him as his friend, to obtain for him his Land warrant, who lost the same as he afterwards informed this Declarant and that said Coleman is now dead, so that his evidence of this fact cannot now be obtained.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, and no real estate whatever except an interest in one third in a small lot containing one quarter of an acre on the backstreet in the Town of Waynesborough on which is a small house in which I reside – My family consists of only my wife and myself and she is now about sixty years of age and laboring under the infirmities incident to old age – I was a Waggoner by profession and have followed that business for a support since the close of the Revolution until June last winter from severe sickness (which reduced me near to the grave and from which my Physician gives me little reason to hope I can ever so far recovered as to be enabled to labor) I was compelled to give it over.

I regret that my necessities compel me to make this application. I refused any aid from Country as long as I could labor but now that I can labor no longer and have no income whatever for support, I can truly say, the aid of the Pension provided by law for the relief of the indigent and

infirm survivors of the Revolution is indispensable to my support.

S/ Presley Raines

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Presley Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Presley Raines".

Schedule of the property above referred to

One Bureau and table – ½ dozen chairs – one cow – one sow & pigs – one chest – a few articles of kitchen & cupboard furniture valued together at \$5 –

S/ Presley Raines

I owe the following debts which I am unable to pay. To John Wayh about \$30. To Doctor Coulter \$38.25. To Jude & Mays in Richmond \$10. To Cartwright & Dunn \$2. To David Foutz &c about \$6 – making in all \$86.25.

S/ Presley Raines

[Note: this application was rejected, probably on the grounds that the service described by the applicant was rendered in the Virginia State service, and not in the Continental Army as required by the act of March 18, 1818.]