

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Williamson Rainey R8563

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State of Virginia County of Mecklenburg: SS

On this 23rd day of October 1841 personally appeared before me Stephen P Pool a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid Williamson Rainey of Mecklenburg County State of Virginia a resident thereof aged eighty years, eleven months & 20 days, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit 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. Colonel Macklin [perhaps John Macklin] of Brunswick County Virginia Major Anderson of Mecklenburg and in Captain Burton's Company of Militia of the Virginia line we rendezvoused at Mecklenburg Courthouse in the year 1776 or 77 to the best of my recollection and took up the line of march from thence some time in the month of July and marched through the Counties of Brunswick, Prince George through the County of Smith-Field [Smithfield] crossed the Nancy-Mun [Nansemond] River at Sleepy hole ferry from thence to Portsmouth and joined the main Army under command of General Harrison as well as I now recollect. And were there stationed until discharged for a tour of three months, sometime in the month of September or October in the same year the day of the month of starting and the day of being discharged cannot be recollected. If I received a written discharge I cannot recollect it, If I did it is either lost or mislaid. I served this Tour as a substitute for a man by the name of Jeter – a resident of Mecklenburg County Virginia & I were also –

Then in the year 1779 I was called out to serve a second Tour of Militia duty three months under Captain Marshall or Captain Mabry (I cannot recollect which) of Mecklenburg County Virginia, rendezvoused at Mecklenburg Court house and took up the line of march sometime in the month of June marched through Brunswick County to Dinwiddie Courthouse & were there stationed till discharged serving only three weeks to the best of my recollection, the days of starting and being discharged cannot be precisely recollected and if under any field officer I do not recollect him. I was drafted into the service from the County of Mecklenburg Virginia. Then in the year 1781 I was called out to serve a 3rd Tour of Militia duty under Colonel Tucker, Major Holcomb in Captain Whitten's Company of Militia of Mecklenburg County Virginia line, we rendezvoused at Mecklenburg Court house and took up the line of March sometime in the month of April (the date not recollected) marched but at the time of marching I was sick and obtained a furlough for 10 days at the expiration of my furlough I joined my company and the main Army at Point of Fork on James River under command of Baron Steuben and General Lawson in view of the enemies Camp on the opposite side of the River we were generally moving, not long stationed at any one place, was in no engagement we marched through Cumberland County Prince Edward and into the County of Charlotte and remained there

a while, whilst there I was taken very sick and was confined to the hospital and there got a substitute to finish my Tour of duty after serving 2 1/2 months to the best of my recollection. I was drafted and I have not any documentary evidence to prove my service only the affidavits of William Coleman & William Inscoc which is here annexed –

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, if any, only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Stp. P. Pool, JP
[Signature]

S/ Williamson Rainey Sr.

Williamson Rainey Sr.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. In Mecklenburg County State of Virginia 2 day Novr. 1760

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. I have, and in my large Church Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. In Mecklenburg County State of Virginia and nowhere else

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr. In the 1st Tour a substitute for Jeter, the other Tours drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr. Baron Steuben and I think general Harrison, Regiment not recollected, my services as a private soldier

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr. I believe I received a discharge cannot tell from whom and it is lost or mislaid – I have it not now

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Philip Rainey and George Rogers

[George Rogers & Philip Rainey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Mecklenburg County: SS

The affidavit of William Coleman¹ a Citizen of said County a Revolutionary Soldier being sworn deposed and saith that he is personally acquainted with the Williamson Rainey [sic] of the said County & has been for the space of sixty-one years past, and in the year 1781 to the

¹ This MAY be the same man who claimed service as a Continental soldier under the 1818 Act. [William Coleman S39337](#)

best of his recollection we were both in the Army of the revolution in Captain Whitten's Company of Virginia Militia and took up the line of march from Mecklenburg Courthouse and joined the Virginia line at Prince Edward Courthouse and served a tour of Militia service three months; commencing sometime in the month of April and discharge sometime in the month of July following in the same year, the day of starting and being discharge is not precisely recollected and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Tucker – further this affiant sayeth not –

Sworn and subscribed before me on the 21st of October 1841 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County

S/ Stp P. Pool, JP

S/ Wm Coleman

State of Virginia Mecklenburg County: SS Be it known that before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid personally appeared William Coleman a revolutionary soldier and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is intimately acquainted with Williamson Rainey Senior and has been for sixty years past and in the year 1780 or '81 we were both in the revolutionary war together we enlisted the service under Captain Whitten the subalterns not recollected we took up the line of march (it appears) in the spring either April or May from Mecklenburg Courthouse from thence to Princeton Edward Courthouse, and there joined the Army commanded by General Lawson and it appears we were attached to Colonel Tucker's Regiment from thence we were moved to Point fork on James River we were frequently moving in different directions on the James River some short time before the Army were discharged this deponent saith he got wounded accidentally on the 4th of July, were furloughed and did not return to the Army again till they were discharged the term of service were three months. Further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed the 22nd day of March 1842 before me

S/ Stp. P. Pool, JP

S/ Wm Coleman



State of Virginia Mecklenburg County SS

Be it known that before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid personally appeared William Inscoe² a revolutionary Soldier aged eighty-five years, and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is Intimately acquainted with Williamson Rainey Senior and has been [indecipherable word] from our boyhood, and in the year 1776 or 77 we were both in the revolutionary war together we entered the service under Captain Burton, the subaltern officers not recollected we took up the line of march sometime in the spring of the year month and day cannot be recollected from Mecklenburg Courthouse and went the most direct route to Portsmouth and there joined the main Army and I believe we were attached to Colonel Macklin's Regiment and continued there until we were discharged serving a tour of three months

and in the course of one or two years either in the year 1777 or 78 we entered the service again under Captain Marshall I believe subalterns not recollected we took up the line of march from Mecklenburg Courthouse sometime in the spring or summer went on the most direct route to Dinwiddie courthouse remained there to the best of my recollection three weeks and were

² FPA S11363

