

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Ramey R8569

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State of Kentucky Morgan Circuit Ct.

On the 19 day of May 1835 personally came into open Court, Archibald Ramey a resident of Fleming County (though part of his farm lies in Morgan County and the distance to the Court house in the latter County is not half so far as that to the County of Fleming) aged about 76 years, and for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832, being first duly sworn in open Court according to law, makes the following declaration – That in the year that the American Army lay in New York (he cannot say what particular year it was, in consequence of his advanced age and forgetfulness) his father being then a Butcher in the American Army, he having been guilty of a little misconduct in Company with others and to avoid a prosecution he and his uncle William Byram called upon Colonel Bailey Washington<sup>1</sup> in Stafford County Virginia for the purpose of joining the Army as it was understood that he had authority to enlist soldiers. Colonel Washington gave each of us a writing and directed us to proceed to New York immediately – what the report of the writing was he does not know as he was entirely illiterate, but Colonel Washington informed them that they could not be molested by the civil authority – the date he cannot recollect, but it was in the season that damsons usually ripen, for it was in relation to this fruit that he feared the civil authority, therefore he would think it was in the month of August. He went on in company with his said uncle to the Army & as soon as he reached the Army, he was ordered to go to Butchering Beeves for the Army. This he continued at for little upwards of twelve months, when he was taken with the yellow fever and was sent to the hospital, where he remained four months and after his recovery he was discharged, he thinks in the winter, and he understood that his discharge stated that he had served sixteen months and seven days. His father was discharged at the same time and had his own discharge and kept both for some time. He does not remember who signed his discharge though his father gave it to him many years afterwards, when he left his father. He states that when he went to New York to join the Army he was grown but not of age. He stayed in New York or its neighborhood from the time he entered the Army until he was discharged. He resided with his father's family in the County of Stafford and State of Virginia from his birth until sometime after the siege of York, after which his father and his family including him removed to the State of Kentucky. Sometime in the year of 1781, the exact time he does not remember, but the weather was warm, he was persuaded by one Major John Grigg to accompany him to the Army then marching to York in the capacity of a bowman or hostler. He went but he was not many weeks in that capacity before Grigg informed him that he must go to work as a butcher, he protested to Grigg, with whom he was well acquainted at home, but Grigg made him butcher for the Army,

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<sup>1</sup> Col. William Washington's father

but at the same time said that he should have a horse to ride home whenever he might be discharged. Here he is getting on a little too fast. Before he went with Grigg as bowman, he was drafted to meet the British some few of whom came up the Potomac River and he was only out a few days when Grigg induced him to join him. After staying at York until after the defeat of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – he and his father received a furlough from Major Grigg, but who signed it he does not remember, but they went home and staid a few days and returned to the Army & met it near Fredericksburg a part of which had left York. After being sometime in Fredericksburg & Falmouth that portion of the Army went to Stafford Court house, where he and his father were discharged. His father again took his discharge and it was handed to him by Major Grigg but by whom it was signed he does not know. He was out for nine months & three days in this last tour and his discharge showed that fact as he always heard having heard it read.

He states that he was born on the 17th of March 1759 as he has often been told, as it was written in his father's old family Bible, but he does not know what has become of the old Bible. He has already stated that he was born and raised in Stafford County Virginia and resided there until about 1783 when he came with his father to Kentucky. He resided in what is now Mason County & a short time in Bourbon [County], but for the last 40 years he has resided in Fleming County Kentucky. He further states he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services – but he is acquainted with \_\_ and \_\_ who reside in his neighborhood – His memory is very deficient as to dates, and cannot state the dates particularly. His discharges were burnt up some years ago when he had his dwelling consumed. He would further remark that it has been a considerable time since he had a declaration written to be forwarded to the war Department for a pension, but has heard through the Honorable A. Davis that it has never reached Washington.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Archy Ramey, X his mark