

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Ramsey R8570

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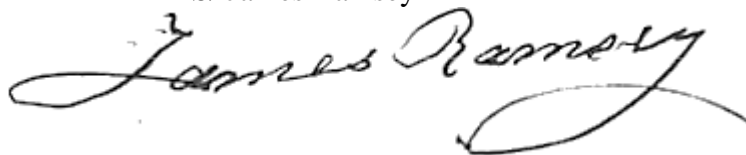
State of Georgia Habersham County} SS

On this 27th day of September 1853. Personally appeared in open Court before the court of Ordinary at a call Term now sitting James Ramsey a resident of said County and State aged seventy-five years 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 is the son of James Ramsey -- who often informed him that he performed a great deal of Service in the revolutionary war in the State of South Carolina and has shown him 3 indents which he said he received for his services in said war. Affiant also further says that he has reasons from the above facts to believe that he served as an officer and private but does not recollect that he ever heard him say in what capacity he served, that he the said James Ramsey died on the 20th day of February 1832 in the State of Illinois and that he affiant applies for the Pension due him at his death -- he and Robert Ramsey being the only surviving heirs there being no widow. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid and I hereby certify that I am not interested in the result of this case nor concerned in its prosecution.

S/ CH Sutton, Ordinary

S/ James Ramsey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Ramsey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Ramsey".

[p 10: Letter dated January 8, 1934 summarizing the information in this file in response to a request

"Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which he requests the Revolutionary War record of a soldier with surname Ramsey, given name probably James, and served as quartermaster or bugler from a southern state and whose parents were of Georgia.

With the data furnished by you it has not been possible to determine definitively the record of the particular soldier in whom you may be interested. The record of one James Ramsey has been found which may be of interest to you. It is given below as found in pension claim, R. 8570, based upon the Revolutionary war service of James Ramsey.

The date and place of the soldier's birth and names of his parents are not shown in the

claim. He resided in York County, South Carolina, until the fall of 1816 when he moved to Madison County, Territory of Illinois.

The soldier died February 20, 1832, at the age of 90 years, at the home of his son (name not designated), in Madison County, Illinois, where he was buried.

James Ramsey married, date not stated, Mary McFalls, who died April 20, 1823, in Madison County, Illinois, at the age of 62 years.

James Ramsey and his wife Mary, had 10 children whose names follow: John, Thomas, James, Polly, Catherine, William, Robert, Isabella, George who died about 1851, and Rachel. The only surviving children in 1853 were James, the 3rd child, then a resident of Habersham County, Georgia, and Robert a resident of Giles County, Tennessee.

Of September 27, 1853, while residing in Habersham County, Georgia, with post-office in Clarksville in that County, soldier's son, James Ramsey aged 75, who lived with his father until 25 years of age, applied in behalf of himself and his brother, Robert, for the pension that may have been do you on account of the Revolutionary War service of his father, James Ramsey, to whom he referred as Captain Ramsey.

He alleged that James Ramsey, the soldier, resided at the time of the Revolution and prior to that time in York County, South Carolina, and that he served in that war as a private and officer in the South Carolina militia, but gave no other details of his service. It was stated that the soldier was in the battle of Hanging Rock and many skirmishes with the British.

His claim was not allowed as there was no provision of the law under which a child of this soldier was entitled to pension.

In 1857, soldier's son, James Ramsey, was still a resident of Habersham County, Georgia, with post office at winning.

In 1853, soldiers grandson, James A. Ramsay (as he signed his surname), and his wife, name not given, were residents of Madison County, Illinois, with post office at Highland, same County; he stated that his father, whose name he did not designate, had died 3 years before, in his 77th year; in 1857, James A. Ramsay was aged about 62 years and referred to his brothers: John Norris and Stanhope then living in Madison County, Illinois, and to Oswald and William both dead; also 2 sisters, Jane, who married one __ Harris and then residing in Texas, and Mary, the youngest, who married one __ Shaver and then a resident of the State of Missouri. He also referred to an uncle, James Goode, who had died a few weeks before, and the cousins (names of their parents not designated) who were living in Illinois, also to a daughter of soldiers brother, William, then living in California (her name not given).

Very truly yours

S/ A. D. Hiller

Assistant to Administrator

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Ramsey (Ramsay)
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 6233

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State of South Carolina Dr. to Mr. James Ramsey for actual Service in Camp and Losses sustained by ye Enemy in service under ye Command of General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] in Dollars

To actual service from the 1st of June 1782 ye 17th

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

of September 109 Days at 20/ pr. Day Sixty-seven Dollars – Horseman	2/6 more	67
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To one Tower [tour] of Duty at forgisons Defeat [Patrick Ferguson’s defeat at Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780] from ye 20 th September to ye 25 th of October 1780 thirty-five Days at 20/ per day Horseman 20 Dollars ½	£10.12/ 6 more [?]	15
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To one Brown Bay horse Branded I R on the shoulder & thigh valued at seventy-three & three fourths Dollars		73 ¾
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To one tower of Duty from ye 1 st of November 1780 To ye 1 st of January 1781 at Stallions plantation & from thence to ye Fishdam Ford sixty-one Days at 20/ per day thirty-seven Dollars ½	1/3 more	37 ½
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To one tower from ye 1 st July until ye 8 th of August thirty-five Days at 20/ per Day 21 Dollars ½		21 ½
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To one tower from ye 13 th of July to ye 22 nd of August forty Days at 20/per Day 24 Dollars ¾		24 ¾
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To one tower of Duty at Wrights Bluff from the 1 st of March 1781 to ye 21 st Inclusive twenty-one Days 20/per Day thirteen Dollars	2/6 less	<u>13</u>
Total in Dollars		240 ¾

[balance of this indent lists provisions provided by veteran for ‘Publick use’
Bringing the total due to \$375]

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Brought over 375 Doll ^{rs}		Currency £609.7.6
Balance of Errors		<u>13.17.10</u>
	Currency	£623.5.4
	Sterling	£89.0.9

Jas. Ramsey
No. 89

Received 16th June 1785 full satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 620 R

S/ James Ramsey
