

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ray R8613

Mary

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State of Georgia of Wilkes County: August 12th 1846

On this the 12th day of August 1846, personally appeared before me William Q. Anderson a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County Mary Ray a resident of said County and State, aged eighty-three years past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the 3rd Section of the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of John Ray who was a private Soldier and served in the Revolutionary War in the Georgia militia: that the said John Ray was a resident of Columbia County Georgia until the year 1779 when he removed to Wilkes County Georgia: after her marriage with him. That she knows nothing of the services of her husband prior to the year 1779 of her own knowledge, but always understood that he was on the Florida Expedition under the command of Colonel Baker: that in the year 1779, the said John Ray was frequently in service to her own knowledge, as a militia man from Wilkes County, his Captain's name was Richard Heard, his Lieutenant David Phelps, he is Superior Officers not recollected. In the year 1780, he served a tour of 3 months as a drafted Soldier and another tour of 3 months as a volunteer Soldier. The officers and services not recollected. In the year 1781 he was at the Siege of Augusta under the command of Colonel Clark [Elijah Clarke] the length of service performed their not known; he was there taken sick with the smallpox and was sent home, and was never afterwards in the service of his Country. The service, of the said John Ray, to her own knowledge, was the rise of 6 months. That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim the discharges and papers of her said husband having been destroyed or lost after his death.

She further declared that she was married to the said John Ray on the 12th day of January 1779 in Wilkes County State of Georgia, that she has no documentary evidence of her marriage other Dan her family Record hereto annexed, which is in the hand writing of her said husband John Array and her son JW Array; that her husband the aforesaid John Gray, died on the 21st day of November 1828 in Wilkes County State aforesaid: and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed:

S/ Mary Ray, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me a Justice of the Inferior court in and for the County and State first above written. I do further certify that the declarant Mrs. Mary Ray from bodily infirmity is unable to attend Court: and that the least hereto annexed, purporting to be a family Registry of the said John and Mary Ray was taken from a Bible in her possession, and which she affirms has undergone no alteration since the death of her husband. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 12th day of August 1846.

S/ William Q. Anderson, JIC

Family Record

Marriages

John Ray and Mary his wife was Married in the year of our Lord 1779 January 12th  
John L. Ray and his wife Cynthia was married in the year of our Lord 1811 December 19th  
Emily Ray and Elbert Harriss was married August the 11 day of the year of our Lord 1825  
Amanda Ray and Ephraim Bailey was married July 13th in the year of our Lord 1826  
Charles was born October 5 1807

Births

JW Ray son of John & Mary his wife was born the 27 February in the year of our Lord 1786  
Sarrah [sic] gray he was born the 21 June 178\_ [last digit illegible]  
John Ray Junior was born 27th of April 1790  
Elisa Ray was born 13 April 1792  
Sanders W. Ray was born the 11 September 1798  
Joseph Ray was born the 4 May 1800 [could be 1801]  
Amanda Ray was born in Lebanon November 1804  
EmillaRay was born 20 January 1808  
Jamie Ray he was born the 4th of March 1811  
John Ray Senior born August the 17th 1757  
Mary his wife born June the 9th 1763

State of Georgia at Jackson County: Be it known that on this 18th day of September 1846 Before me Abner Wills a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Henry Anglin<sup>1</sup> and a Pensioner of the United States a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law saith that during the War of the Revolution He claimed his residence in Wilkes County Georgia that he done service as a minute man until the year 1779 after which time he was in constant service in the militia until peace was made a narrative of his service he begs leave to have a reference made to his original Declaration now on file. That John Ray about the time or before his entering own militia service above named came into the neighborhood and married the Reverend Sanders Walker's daughter, Mary, and settled down a neighbor to deponent. That in the latter part of 1779 the said John Ray he entered the service of the United States as a militia man in Captain Micajah Williamson's Company with the poem, and date deponent and the said Ray, were in constant service together always in the same company from the time of the said Ray entering the service aforesaid until the last siege of Augusta Georgia after which time the said Ray did no regular militia service of the deponent's knowledge. That he deponent and the said Ray did as much as 9 months service together and entered service for a tour of 3 months when Ray he was discharged at Augusta as he was informed on account of being unable to do duty. That he has not seen the said John Ray or his wife Mary Ray for the space of 40 years. But has heard from them at different times since removing from Wilkes County Georgia and now has before him a Declaration purporting to have been made by the said Mary Ray and from her family record annexed & credible information He is satisfied as to the identity of the said Mary Ray and her deceased husband John Ray the identical person whose services are above described.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ Abner Wills, JP

S/ Henry Anglin

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<sup>1</sup> [Henry Anglin S31521](#)