

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Ray R8615

Sarah

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County of Martin State of North Carolina

On this 16th day of June A.D. 1857 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State above mentioned Sarah Ray aged 77 years a resident of Martin County and State of North Carolina who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Samuel Ray deceased who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain __ in the Regiment __ commanded by Colonel __ in the war of the Revolution.

To the best of her information and belief her said husband entered the service at Martin County and State of North Carolina on or about the __ day of April A.D. 1777 for the term of 2 years and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 6 months and was honorably discharged at Martin County in the State of North Carolina on or about the __ day of A.D. 1779.

She further states that she was married to the said Samuel Ray in Martin County and State of North [Carolina] on the 30 day of December A.D. 1819 by one James Moore a Justice of the Peace and that her name before her said marriage was Sarah Harrison that her said husband died at Martin County North Carolina on or about 6 day of September A.D. 1832 and that her husband never made any application for a pension as she knows of. That she was not married to him prior to the second of January A.D. 1800 but at the time above stated, and she further states that there is no private nor public record of her marriage but there is an eyewitness of her marriage if there is a man surviving who was at her marriage. That she cannot file herewith his certificate of discharge for the reason that it has been lost for some years and further she declares that she is now the widow of Samuel Ray deceased. She hereby appoints Wilson T. Dozier [?] at Blossom Hill D. C. Princess Anne County, Md her true and lawful attorney with power of substitution to prosecute this her claim for a pension to receive the Certificate when issued and to do all facts necessary and proper in the premises.

S/ Sarah Ray, X her mark

? S/ Elizabeth H. Ray

S/ H. W. Mizell

[fn p. 4: on the same day as above, Lawrence Cooper, 59, testified he was at the marriage of Samuel Ray to Sarah Ray in December 1816; that they were married by James Moore, JP and that her name prior to her marriage to Samuel Ray was Sarah Harrison.]

[fn p. 9: NC Comptroller's Department certificate dated August 28, 1857, showing a number of payments to a Samuel Ray of Edenton District for militia services during the Revolution.]