Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Ray R8616
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State of Tennessee } SS
County of Henderson }

On this tenth day of August, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, William P. Ray, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he is the son of William Ray, who was a captain in the Revolutionary War, that he raised a company in the county of Orange, in the State of North Carolina, and served during the war. He, the said William Ray was in the engagements at Ridge's Mill [sic: see note below], Ramsey's Mill [NC, 19 Mar 1781], Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Cowpens [SC, 17 Jan 1781], Lindley's Mills [13 Sep 1781], he was stationed at Butler's Ford under General [John] Butler. He further declares, that his rather, William Ray, died in the county of Henderson, in the State of Tennessee, in the year A.D. 1827, on the third of September, leaving four heirs, to-wit. Lucy Ross, Isabela Bradford, William P. Ray, Mary Patton, since which time two have died towit – Lucy Ross, Isabela Bradford, leaving William P. Ray, Mary Patton, now Mary Hodges, living. He further declares that his sister the said Mary Hodges has fully empowered him to apply for the pension money due the heirs of the said William Ray.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed March 18th 1818. William P. Ray

NOTES:

A William Ray, Sr. applied for a pension (S7347) on 29 June 1833 as a Captain of Orange County NC Militia who was at the same engagements as the William Ray of the above pension application.

"Ridge's Mill" is most likely Rugeley's Mill, about 12 miles north of Camden SC. The deposition probably refers to the Battle of Camden on 16 Aug 1780. However, according to the pension applications of Abraham Parker (S3640) and Samuel Shepherd (S21476), Captain Ray (Rhea) was replaced by Lt. William Horton as commander of the company before that battle.