

four regular tours, I served one under Captain Baxter of Rockingham, as a member of company to guard a number of Hessian Prisoners from Harrisburg to Winchester Virginia – and in the summer after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis I served another tour of three months under Captain William Smith (who commanded the company as far as Tygarts Valley [Tygart Valley] when becoming sick he returned home, & the company was commanded by Neil Cain). This expedition was to the West Fork of the Monongahela [River] against the Indians. – I served this tour in the place of my brother Richard Raynes who was drafted, but being in bad health & the Captain refusing to admit that he was unfit for duty, & he being unable to hire a substitute I voluntarily & without any compensation from him, he took his place & served his tour – This is to the best of my recollection a faithful statement of my services, and – that being no scholar, not able to write and only able to read a little in print, I cannot remember dates – I was drafted for times, the is the 1st & 2nd & 3rd tours, & to guard the Hessian Prisoners – volunteered once when Cornwallis was taken, and once took the place of my brother who was drafted – I think I served between 15 & 18 months in all – though I cannot say positively how long it was – I do not remember how long I was under Baxter – and perhaps I may have been discharged before my three months expired after Cornwallis was taken, but I am certain that I entered in service five times for three months each, and that I served every time until the company I belonged to was regularly discharged. – Of the Continental officers who acted with the troops I served with, I remember Colonel Dark – Colonel Willis – General Muhlenberg – Marquis Lafayette & General Washington, – I do not remember that I ever got any written discharge – I remember several persons now living that I served with, as Christopher Ammon² – James Meadows³ – John Taylor⁴ – John Pence⁵ – Colonel Rush,⁶ & others who are now living, but I have not been able to see any of them except Mr. Thomas Lewis⁷ (whose testimony is hereto annexed) as I am too old and infirm (being scarcely able to walk from a very bad rupture) to walk in order to get their testimony, and too poor to procure any mode of conveyance.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Signed

S/ Lawrence Raynes, X his mark

I Thomas Lewis Senior of Rockingham County in Virginia do hereby certify that I distinctly remember that Lawrence Raynes did serve a tour of militia duty as he states, under Captain John Rush – the service was performed in the year 1778 I think and also, a tour as he states under Captain George Huston (in 1781) These facts I do know as I was with him in both those tours – and I remember that Captain Ragan did go into the service at the time Raynes speaks of – I also remember of a company from this County being ordered out to the Monongahela & believe under the command of Captain Smith about the time Raynes speaks of. Given under my hand this 5 October 1832.

S/ Thos. Lewis



² [Christopher Ammon S8025](#)

³ [FPA S8895](#)

⁴ [John Taylor S7682](#)

⁵ [John Pence W5511](#)

⁶ [John Rush R9090](#)

⁷ [Thomas Lewis S7138](#)

Mary Lewis

[f p. 12: On August 30, 1839 in Rockingham County Virginia, Mary Raynes, 73, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Lawrence Raynes, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the month of September 1782; that her husband died July 18th, 1837. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 3: On July 4, 1840 in Rockingham County James Meadows, 78, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the Lawrence and Mary Raynes; that Mary's maiden name was Mary Knight; that he knows they were married a short time after the revolutionary war; that he was well acquainted with their children the oldest, a son being 56 or 57 years of age.]

[Note: A note in the file indicates that the widow's application was rejected because "proof of marriage wanting and date of widows deceased and names of living children."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service.]