

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ramsey S17035
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State of Indiana Hendricks County

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Bethuel F. Morris, President, Thomas Lochhart, & Elijah Anderson Esquires his Associates Judges of the Hendricks Circuit Court, now sitting, William Ramsey of the said County and State, aged eighty-four 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 entered the service of the United States during the revolutionary war, under the following named officers and served as herein stated; He entered the said service as volunteer militia man on the 20th day of March in 1778 or 79, under Captain Jacob Camplin, in Surry County North Carolina where he then, & had previously resided, his company of which one John Cook was Lieutenant and William Runnels was Ensign, belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles McDowell, he was also under an officer by the name of Butler, who the said Ramsey thinks was his Brigadier General. The names of other field and company officers are not now recollected. Shortly after entering the service his company joined the southern Army then under the command of General Lincoln and was marched under this General (having passed through parts of North and South Carolina) on the South side of the Savannah down near the City of Savannah, but General Lincoln having received information that the British General (Provost [sic, Prevost]) was marching towards Charleston South Carolina, he recrossed the Savannah and marched with all possible dispatch to the relief of the last mentioned State. This march was conducted sometime in the month of May and the last of June ensuing General Lincoln made an attack upon a British post established on the Main land near the ferry across Stono River. Recollects that loss on both sides occasioned by this attack was very considerable. That the next morning after the battle there were 4 British deserters came into the American camp and that a few days after the engagement the post at Stono as well as the Island of St. John's was evacuated by the enemy, that soon after this battle the militia were generally dismissed but this applicant continued in the service until about the 30th of July, which made 4 months and 10 days in all by this applicant spent in this service during the term -- recollects that he marched in company with a large body of regular soldiers and men called the new levy during all the above mentioned campaign, and that the regular soldiers and new levy were marched in front each day alternately and the militia to whom this applicant belonged were marched in the center. In the month of July this applicant was marched back to North Carolina where on the 30th of that month as above stated he was discharged. That on the 8th day of November and to the best of his recollection the year after Charleston was taken by the British this applicant enlisted a second time, into the service of the United States in a company commanded by

Captain Benjamin Umphries of which company on Thompson Glenn was Lieutenant, Atha Mix was Ensign and this applicant was the orderly Sergeant. That he was marched from Surry County where he enlisted to Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina at which place the company to which he belonged together with several other companies of militia were stationed for the purpose of guarding a large number of British prisoners who had been taken at the Cowpens, King's Mountain and Rugeley's Mill. That on their march to Salisbury they crossed the Yadkin River at a place called Trading Ford. That so soon as the party to which this applicant belonged arrived at Salisbury and took charge of the prisoners, the regular soldiers who had previously had charge of the prisoners, left the last mentioned place; That there were 2 or 3 other company stationed at Salisbury besides the one to which this Applicant belonged -- Captains Hewlett and Speers had charge of 2 of these companies -- the other officers names are not now recollected -- was in company with no regular soldiers, nor in any battle during this tour of service. That he was discharged from the service about 8th or 9th of February following his enlistment making the time in all spent in this service by this applicant about 7 months and a half. He received regular discharges at the expiration of each term of service. The first from General Butler. The 2nd from Colonel Joseph Phillips. Both of said discharges he has lost. In answer to interrogatories to be by this Court propounded the said applicant says that he was born in Caroline County Virginia in 1748 he has no family record of his age. Since the revolutionary war he has resided in the several places as follows -- 2 years and Surry County after his discharge & years in Rockingham him County North Carolina then in Surry County 2 years again; then moved to Buncombe County North Carolina resided 26 years -- 3 years in Kentucky & 11 years in Indiana he entered the service as herein before stated. He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except his son Bartholomew Ramsey age 61 years whose affidavit is hereunto annexed & who has some faint remembrance of this applicant's service. Beside the said the following new he is well acquainted with Charles Vertreese who is willing to certify to this applicant's reputation as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or territory.

Sworn to in open Court this 18th day of October 1832

S/ J. T. Hadley, CHCC

S/ William Ramsey, X his mark

[Bartholomew Ramsey, Thomas Nichols and Charles Vertrees gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this 13th day of May A.D. 1833, before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Hendricks aforesaid personally came William Ramsey who has subscribed and sworn to the annexed declaration and who being by me duly sworn, for answer to the 6th and 7th interrogatories prescribed by the war department, deposes and saith, that he did receive a written discharge from each tour of service mentioned in the said declaration, was given to him by one General Butler, and the other by Colonel Joseph Philips, these discharges he has long since lost, and it is now out of this applicant's power to say in what manner were lost or destroyed. He also saith that he was in actual service in both these tours together not less than 7 1/2 months.

That he has no personal acquaintance with any clergyman residing in this County with

himself, That he named his son Bartholomew Ramsey in his declaration because the said Bartholomew had some slight recollection of the declarant's service. That besides the said Bartholomew he is personally well acquainted with Charles Vertrees and Thomas Nichols, who have annexed their opinion of the age of this declarant and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he now resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that they concur in that opinion.

S/ William Ramsey, X his mark