

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Ramsey (Ramsay) S21437

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this 25th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Samuel Ramsey a resident of Abbeville District and State of South Carolina aged sixty-nine 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He declares that he is sixty-nine years of age, and was a soldier of the revolutionary war in the United States. That he served in the revolutionary war for 14 months at least, but was never in but one regular battle field which was at Augusta in the State of Georgia, when the Whigs of South Carolina and Georgia together with the regular troops under the command of General Lee (sic, Colonel Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] besieged the British troops, and Tories; who surrendered after an opposition of about 2 or 3 months. That besides this battle he was a participant in several small skirmishes with the British, and Tories, of but little notoriety. This applicant further states, that at the siege of Augusta he was under the following officers, Captain Fred [?] Stallion; after a few weeks served under this officer he left him and went under the command of Captain Samuel Alexander, Colonel Clarke [Elijah Clarke] was the Colonel in command. That at this siege there were several Generals in command but the applicant cannot say under which he is division fell, the [indecipherable word] officers were General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], General Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and General Lee. This siege took place in 1781. After this siege had terminated, this applicant enlisted for the term of 12 months in the State of Georgia under the command of Captain James Stallion and Colonel James Jackson, first Lieutenant Stephen Blount 2nd Lieutenant ___ Harvey. This was a horse company called the Georgia Light dragoons. During this term of enlistment the Light Dragoons were never engaged in anything beyond skirmishes. This applicant further states that he had a written discharge after his 12 months service but from length of time and not expecting that it would ever benefit him it has been mislaid. Applicant has been able to procure but one living witness of his revolutionary services, William Entriken¹ whose affidavit is here produced to sustain his statement so far as it relates to his 12 months service as a Dragoon. Applicant has not received any pension for said service and is not now a pensioner in any State. Applicant was born in Edgefield District South Carolina, in the year 1762, he had a record of his age in a family Bible but the Bible was burnt by the dwelling house being burned in which it was deposited. He was living in Georgia at the

¹ [William Entrekin W3532](#)

time he was called into service in Columbia County where he remained for about 2 years after the close of the revolutionary war, and since that. He has been living in South Carolina Abbeville District. Applicant was a volunteer in the service throughout the whole of his service. His discharge was signed by Colonel Jackson. Applicant further states, that the witness of his revolutionary services is now quite old and infirm and lives at a considerable distance and could not be procured to testify in open court without great inconvenience. Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Ramsey

In Open Court

S/ Jas. Wardlaw

[Hugh Dickson, a clergyman, and Moses Taggart & James Carson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions required to be answered in which had been answered in applicant statement

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Edgefield District & State of South Carolina in the year 1762 3rd of December

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

(Answer) At the time when called into service I was living in the State of Georgia Columbia County and still continued to live in that place afterwards until 1784 when I came back to South Carolina where I have lived ever since the ten first years in Edgefield District and since that time in Abbeville District of the same State where he now lives

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

(Answer) I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

(Answer) I recollect the name of Colonel Jackson of Captain Stallions, who were my commanders. I recollect that I was at the siege of Augusta which will be fully seen in my statement and the affidavit of William Entriken herewith exhibited.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

(Answer) I had a discharge from service signed by Colonel Jackson it has long since been lost

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[it appears that Hugh Dickson, Moses Taggart and James Carson gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Anderson District: On this 28th day of September 1835, Personally appeared in Open Court in the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas held for the said District

before the Honorable Josiah J. Evans one of the Associate Judges of said State, Samuel Ramsay a resident of Anderson District and State aforesaid, aged seventy-two years in December last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the month of March 1780 he lived in Columbia County in the State of Georgia and turned out volunteer under Captain James Stallions under Colonel Clarke and went to the siege at Augusta G. and was there from about the middle of March 1780 till the 8th day of June 1780 when they surrendered. He was in this service he thinks fully 3 months. He is positive he did serve not less than 2 1/2 months at that time.

He remained there until the 10th of June 1780 when he enlisted under Captain James Stallions of the Cavalry under Colonel James Jackson of the Georgia line. He was stationed in Augusta until January 1780 during the time was occasionally on scouts had some skirmishes but was in no regular Battle was march to [to] Savannah G. Ebenezer &c and was discharged by Colonel James Jackson at the Widow Fleshman's about 12 miles from Savannah on the 10th day of June 1781 having served out the term of his Enlistment 12 months. He does not know of a single living witness to prove his service as a volunteer, and he only knows to living witnesses who can prove his service as a regular William Enriken of Anderson District and John Gray² of Pickens District who were with him & if they can remember can testify for him.

He made an application in Abbeville District he applied to John A. Calhoun Esquire who sent on his application and for want of some explanation or proof was returned and by the said John A. Calhoun the papers are mislaid as he certifies. This applicant moved into Anderson District from Abbeville in the month of April last. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. And he makes the following answers to the Interrogatories required by the War Department to be put to all applicants, viz.:

1st He was born in Edgefield district South Carolina 3rd December 1762

2nd He has no record of his age.

3rd When he entered the service he lived in Columbia County in the State of Georgia his Father died when he was young his Mother removed to Columbia County Georgia when he was about 8 years of age. After the close of the War he returned to South Carolina and lived in Abbeville District for the last 40 years until April last when he moved into Anderson District as before stated.

4th. He was first a volunteer and then enlisted.

5. He was with General Anthony Wayne who came from the North -- Also with Colonel White -- and was with General Twiggs of Georgia and Colonel McNeil & his own Colonel Jackson. Guy a Discharged on the 10th of June 1781 signed by Colonel James Jackson as before stated which he has long since lost.

7th. He is acquainted with and known by Major moody Burt and Lewalleng Goode of Anderson who is a member of the Legislature at this time -- Colonel DL Wardlaw, Colonel Patrick Noble members of the Legislature from Abbeville. Also James Wardlaw Esquire Clerk of the court and Moses Taggart, Esquire ordinary of Abbeville and many others of Abbeville District to whom he can refer for character.

His original Declaration was made in the spring of the year 1833 which has been lost --

S/ Samuel Ramsey

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

² [John Gray W419](#)

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

[Lanford Vandiver, a clergyman, and Lewelling Goode gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Anderson District: William Entriiken personally appeared and upon being sworn in due form of law deposeth & saith that he was a intimately acquainted with Mr. Samuel Ramsey and applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th day of June 1832 during the revolutionary war. That the said Samuel Ramsey and this deponent enlisted for 12 months to serve under Colonel James Jackson in a troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain James Stallion, first Lieutenant Stephen Blount and 2nd Lieutenant __Harvey -- which troop was called the Georgia Light Dragoons. That the said Samuel Ramsey & this deponent served in the said troop for one year and were then discharged. They enlisted in June 1781 & were discharged in June 1782. During this time they were in numerous skirmishes with British & Tories. This Deponent saith that he know of nothing further of the said Samuel Ramsey's revolutionary services.

Sworn to & subscribed this 19th day of October A.D. 1832

S/ Wm Entrekin

S/ J. E. Ruse, Clerk

State of South Carolina Pickens District: Before me Nathan Boon Esquire one of the Justices of the Quorum assigned to keep the Peace in and for the District aforesaid Personally appeared John Gray who resides within my neighborhood, who after being Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith -- That in the year 1780 in the City of Augusta in Georgia he Enlisted in a Company of Cavalry called the State Troops of Georgia commanded by Captain James Stallion, Lieutenants Blount & Harvey and Ezekiel Stallions Ensign under Colonel James Jackson -- That when he entered the Troop he met with one Samuel Ramsay who had a short time previous enlisted for 12 months, and this deponent saith that he did serve with the said Samuel Ramsay in the said company of State (of Georgia) Troops one year or 12 months till the time fully expired and was with him at the widow Heshman's [?] about 12 miles from Savannah on the 10th day of June 1781 And the said John Gray also saith that said Samuel Ramsay was a faithful soldier -- a man of truth that he did his duty well -- And that he has been acquainted with said Samuel Ramsay since, and he has always supported a very good Honest irreproachable character and worthy of credit and that on the last mentioned date 10 June 1781 the day he the said Samuel Ramsay and this deponent were both discharged by Colonel James Jackson in the said Mrs. Heshmans about 12 miles above Savannah and both returned home.

Sworn to and subscribed this 13th day of April 1835 Before me

S/ Nathan Boon, JQ

S/ John Gray, E his mark

State of South Carolina Anderson District: Before the Miles M. Norton a Notary public and ex officio Justice of the Quorum in and for the District aforesaid. Personally appeared William Entriiken who resides in my neighborhood, who after being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith -- That in the Spring of 1781 at Scott's ferry about 20 miles above Augusta Georgia he enlisted in a company of cavalry called the State Troops of Georgia, commanded by Captain James Stallion, Lieutenants Blount & Harvey and Ezekiel Stallions Ensign under Colonel James Jackson. That when he entered the troop he met with one Samuel Ramsay who had some time previous enlisted for 12 months, and this deponent saith, that he did serve with the said Samuel Ramsay in the said company of state (of Georgia) Troops, until his

(the said Ramsay's) term of service fully expired, and was with him at the widow Heshmans about 12 miles from Savannah on or about the 10th day of June 1781 and the said William Entriiken also saith the said Samuel Ramsey was a faithful soldier, and a man of truth, that he did his duty well -- And that he is now acquainted with the said Samuel Ramsay, and that he supports a good Honest, irreproachable character, and worthy of credit. And that alone, or about the 10th of June above mentioned, that said Samuel Ramsay was (as well as this deponent's memory serves him) discharged by Colonel James Jackson at Mrs. Heshmans about 12 miles above Savannah; this deponent recollects distinctly that the said Samuel Ramsay's served out his time fully.

s/ William Entriiken

Sworn to and subscribed this 21st day of September 1835 before me
S/ Miles M. Norton, Notary public