

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Ramey (Ramy) S31316
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State of Kentucky

Montgomery County } SS

On this 3rd day of Sept'r 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Silas W. Robbins the sole and presiding Judge for the County and Circuit of Montgomery, now sitting, James Ramy [looks like "Raney"] resident of Kentucky and County of Montgomery Aged about seventy 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 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the U. S. in March 1781 for 18 months. By Draft In the County of Culpeper Virginia Shortly after I was drafted I was ordered to march to Potomack [sic: Potomac River] which I did and continued there for 3 weeks under the command of Col. Tolls [probably Oliver Towles] & Major Jack Willis [John Willis] from thence we marched through Richmond to Powatan [sic: Powhatan County] at that place we were laid off into companies I then was put under the command of captain Kirkpatrick. Willis was still Major and Feebecker Col. [sic: Christian Febiger]. and during this campaign we marched through most of the counties in the southern parts of Virginia guarding the inhabitants from the ravages of the enemy. During these excursions we had several skirmishes with the British in the Invirons of James River but to state the particular day on which any of them took place I cannot with any degree of certainty I however continued to perform militia [sic] duty during the above campaign untill Carnwallis [sic: Cornwallis] was taken at york which I think was in Oct'r [19th] 1781. We then some time after he was taken marched to Cumberland County by way of Richmond. And somewhere about Richmond we joined General [Anthony] Wayne some time in the month of August [sic] 1781. So soon as we arived in cumberland we threw up Barracks and continued there till some time in February 1782. Here I highered a substitute for the ballance of my time as I had been drafted for Eighteen months and had served from March 1781 untill February 1782. He states that he has no documentary evidence in his posession by which he can prove his services. Neither does he know of any living witnesses by whome he can prove his actual services Except [several lines crossed out and "Spicer Wilson" written above] he states he is old and cannot without much inconvenience obtain any more than the one as above named still living which fact affiant was not apprised of when he had his declaration drawn. He states that he never did obtain a discharge owing to the circumstance of his having to higher a substitute. He 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
He states he has a record of his age at home and that he was Born 25th Nov 1762
And lives now in Montgomery county and has for a number of years
Sworn to and subscribed to the day & year aforesaid James Ramy

This day personally appeared in open court before Silas W. Robbins the sole and presiding Judge for the county and circuit of Montgomery and state of Kentucky Spicer Wilson resident of Montgomery county and made oath that he is well acquainted with James Ramy who has sworn to this declaration. That I became acquainted with him in the State of Virginia in Lauden [sic: Loudoun] county in the year 1778. I also swear that said Ramy was a Revolutionary soldier I have a personal knowledge of his having performed the services he has set forth in his declaration, as I lived in the same county, and was well acquainted with the events of that important period and his place of residence was so near that I could be heard to hollow in an ordenary way I knew when he was drafted when he stated and also when he returned home And do not hesitate to say that his absence from home in the services of the United States was as long as he has stated. It was as notorious as any thing in that country that said Ramy was out and

served as he states. I also swear that said Ramy was considered willing soldier during the time I knew him in the State of Virginia. I also say that he is a man of credibility and worthy of belief on oath. Witness my hand and seal this [blank] day of Sept'r 1832

Sworn to and subscribed to this 4th day of Sept'r 1832 in open court [signed] Spicer Wilson

State of Ky. Montgomery county} Ss

On this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court for said county now sitting James Ramey a resident of Montgomery county Ky. aged about 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration supplemental to his original declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed 7th of June 1832.

He states as supplemental to his original declaration as far as advised That he entered the services on the last of march in the year as stated in his original declaration as he thinks and continued in service untill the last of the following February making in all from the time he left home untill discharged ten months & a few days but for the odd days he claims nothing. He is also informed that his name was not written Ramey in his original Declaration but in stead thereof It was written Raney which is not his name but all things Else are right as to time & circumstances & the particulars of his services

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afs'd [signed] James Ramey

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: James Ramey, age 19, height 5' 8", black hair, dark eyes, fair complexion, planter, born in Loudoun County, residing in Culpeper County where he was drafted for 18 months on "19 m'h 81," sized on 27 Apr 1781. A mostly illegible note begins "hired a substitute."