

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Raney S32462

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State of Tennessee White County

On this 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Court of pleas and quarter sessions for White County Tennessee now sitting John Raney a resident of White County and State of Tennessee aged about seventy-five 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 thinks the first Tour [tour] of duty he performed was in the year 1775. He turned out as a volunteer under Captain Obial. Cobb [Obadiah Cobb?] the name of the Lieutenant was Allen -- the name of the Ensign was Elifalet Jarvice [sic, Elliott Jarvis?]. The name of the Quarter master was John Meradey [John Meredith?] -- the name of the Colonel not recollected -- he marched from Surry Court house to the Mulberry fields in North Carolina to join the South Carolina Troops but was ordered back to Surry Court house to go from thence to joined the Virginia Troops at the Long Island of Hoalston [sic, Holston River] from thence to the Cherokee nation then the Middle Settlements, and there destroyed some Indian property and houses and then returned back to Surry Court house North Carolina and there was discharged, Having served 3 months and some few days.

In 1777, He served about a month and a half or 2 months as a substitute, in the place of Frederick Shafner [Frederick Schaffner?] under Captain Moasbey [Mosby?] the name of the General was John Butler. He then resided in Guilford [Guilford] County, North Carolina from thence, He marched near to Camden in said State, from thence he was sent with about 400 men to join Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] on the Wateree River and there was employed some time in guarding prisoners about the time of Gates's defeat and there we was compelled to retreat and was overtaken by the British and broke up.

In 1778, he thinks, he joined the light Horse commanded by Colonel John Luttrell the name of the Captain was James Robertson, the name of the Lieutenant was John Barnett, Ensign William Barnett. He was engaged the principal part of the time as a Ranger in North Carolina. He then went to the Yadkin [River] near Salisbury then to the Trading Ford of the Yadkin and there was defeated. He thinks that this was about the time that General Morgan defeated Tarleton at the Cowpens. This declarant thinks he served about 2 months at this tour.

He has no documentary evidence by which he can establish the foregoing facts nor does he know of any living witnesses in the State of Tennessee by whom he can prove the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present -- and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Answers to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War department and propounded by the court.
1st He was born in the Jarsey State [New Jersey?] on the 6th day of March 1757.

2nd. He has no record of his age at this time.

3rd. When he was called into service, He was living in Surry County North Carolina from thence to Guilford County in said State, from thence he removed to Surry County where he remained till the War was over. He then went to plant then North Carolina now East Tennessee, Hawkins County -- from thence to Overton County Tennessee, from there to White County Tennessee where he has resided for the last 5 or 6 years.

4th. He has stated as fully as he can from recollection the manner of his Entering the Service and its general circumstances in the body of his declaration.

5th. He has stated the names of most of the A regular officers who were with the troops. He cannot be more full and stating the General Circumstances of his Service that he has already been.

6th. He never received a written discharge

7th. He states the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, viz. -- Isaac Taylor, James Walling, Senior, Colonel Jesse C. Due, ~~Reverend~~ Ben Denton, Joseph Herd, Thomas Gibbins and the [ends here]

Sworn to and subscribed in open court at October 1832

S/ John Raney, X his mark

Test: S/ Jacob Adams, Clerk

By S/ N. Oldham, DC

[Jesse Stewart, a clergyman, and Thomas Gibbons gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee White County

Personally appeared before me Joseph Herd, a Justice of the peace in and for said County, John Raney, who heretofore, to wit on the 11th day of October 1832, filed his Declaration, in order to receive a Pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, and made oath in due form of law and deposed and saith, that by reason of old age, and the loss of memory, he cannot state precisely how long he served; but although he stated 3 months and some few days as his first term of service, which he still thinks was correct: -- Yet he now swears, that said first tour was not for a less term than 3 months.

The 2nd Tour heretofore stated at about a month and a half or 2 months, he knows was not for a less term than 1 1/2 months.

The 3rd term of service he states was not less than 2 months; making in all 6 months and a half, for which he claims a Pension as a Private.

S/ John Raney

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 20th day of May 1833

S/ Joseph Herd, Senior, JP

[facts in file: in 1845, John Raney was living in Independence County Arkansas way he had moved to live near his relations and children -- no family data is contained in the file.]