

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Rains S35600

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I James Rains of Oakley Township in the County of Sevier in the Territory of Arkansas do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution and continued in service until its termination, at which period I was a private in Captain \_\_\_'s, name not recollected, Company, in the \_\_Regiment of the Virginia line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a written certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

S/ James Rains, J his mark

[Attested September 1, 1829 by George T Boring, JP]

State of Kentucky Mercer County Sct.

On this 1st day of November A.D. 1830 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky James Rains Resident of said County aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said James Rains Enlisted for the term of three years on \_\_day of August in the year A.D. 1777 in the State of Virginia and was taken prisoner in the month of May 1780 and was exchanged 1st July 1781 commanded by Captain Peter Grant in the Regiment of Commanded by Colonel William Grayson in the line of the State of Virginia 16th Regiment on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until taken prisoner by the British in the year 1780 in the month of May at Charlestown [Charleston] South Carolina

And that he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Rolls of any State except the State of Virginia and that the following all the Reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that he previous to this time was able and willing to work and support himself with the assistance of his family But now he has become old and infirm and unable to endure much fatigue and his family all who were able to give any assistance have now grown up and left him, to proved [sic, provide] for themselves

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United

States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818 no change has taken place in my property real or personal except the necessary consumption for support out of said property.

Sworn to and declared on the 1st day of November 1830 in open Court

S/ James Rains



A Schedule of the property of James Rains of Mercer County and State of Kentucky on an application for a Pension to the General Government a list of whose real and personal property are as follows at this date

50 acres of third-rate land in the County of Mercer & State of Kentucky	\$250.00
one mare and 2 Colts 4 head of cattle one cupboard & furniture	
one set of chairs claim do one wheat	
Fan 3 ploughs 2 hoes 1 Harrow 10	
head of Sheep Some Cooking Utensils	<u>120.00</u>
	\$370.00

And is or has been a Shoemaker and farmer and at present from age almost incapable of working at either at the present time as himself wife and two daughters who are blind my wife aged sixty-six years one of my daughters and her forty fifth year the other in her forty third year my wife and both daughters are not capable of supporting themselves which are all my Family who live with me.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of November 1830

S James Rains {Seal}

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 17, 1830, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection of documents relating to bounty land claims against that state contains the following document relating to this veteran. The document is to be found in the file relating to Henry Rains.

I do hereby Certify that Henry Rains and James Rains were enlisted as Soldiers to serve in Colonel William Grayson's Regiment of Continental Infantry some time in August 1777, that they continued in the service of the United States until the 28th of July 1781, when they were discharged by David Stephenson Major in the Virginia line and that the said Henry Rains and James Rains were at the time of their enlistment & still are Citizens of the State of Virginia.

Certified under my hand this 19th day of April 1783

S/ Leven Powell, Late Lt. Colo.

of said Regt.

