

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Thomas Ramsey S35604

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Commonwealth of Kentucky } Sct

Garrard County & Circuit } [30 Jul 1818]

Thomas Ramsey aged about Sixty came into open Court and being Sworn according to Law before the Honble William L Kelley Circuit Judge deposed and Saith that in the year 1775 he engaged in the Service of the united States in the Second Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment Commanded by Colo Alexander Spotswood in the Company of Samuel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes, company raised in Caroline County VA] attached to the said Regiment and he says he served out his term of two years in the Corps aforesaid, and was duely and regularly discharged he says that soon after he was discharged a man from the army who was supposed to be a deserter came into the neighbourhood and exhibited a paper which he called a discharge and some of the neighbours obtained my discharge to compare It with the paper held by the man aforesaid and It was never afterwards returned to me. this deponent says that he is in low circumstances and stands in need of the aid and assistance of his Country

[signed] Thomas Ramsey

[Larkin Ramsey, a relation, deposed that Thomas Ramsey had been away from home during the period claimed, and that he had heard officers of the army speak of Ramsey's services "in terms of high respect and commendation." Francis Ramsey (pension application W8542) deposed that he had seen his brother, Thomas Ramsey, in his regimental uniform during the war, that he had heard officers and soldiers converse with him about his service, and had seen his discharge.]

State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct

On this 21st day of August 1820 personally appeared Thomas Ramsey in open Court for the County aforesaid being a Court of Record for the County of Garrard aforesaid who being first duely sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows towit that as well as he now recolects he enlisted in Essex [sic: Essex] County in Virginia on the 15th day of Frebruary 1776 for two years under Lieutenant James Upshaw in the Company of Infantry Commanded by Captain Saml. Haws attached to the Regt Comanded by Alexander Spopswod that he served two years and was regularly discharged at Valey forge in Pensylvania on or about the 15th of Frebruary 1778 that his discharges sighned by Captain Saml Haws is lost that he was in the Battles of Brandewine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] during his service and I Thomas Ramsey solemnly sware that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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 which is as follows to wit

Sixty one acres of land worth	}	
five Dollars pr acre & no more	}	300
two horses worth fifty Dollars	}	
and no more	}	50
two Cows and six head of young	}	
Cattle worth fifty Dollars and no more	}	50
8 head of Shep worth Eight Dollars and	}	

no more	}	8
14 head of hogs worth 14 dollars and no	}	
more	}	14
Household and kitchen furniture worth	}	
Eight dollars and no more	}	<u>8</u>
amounting in the whole to		\$430

said Thomas Ramsey is by profession a tiler [tiller] of the land
 he the said Ramsey is about 63 or 64 years of age he is infirm his wife 64 years of age infirm
 he has living with him two Daughters one aged 23 years the 10th day of next January healthy and
 industrious, the other was aged 18 years the 4th day of last Aprile She is extremeley infirm and affords no
 assistance to the family

he has five other sons all of whom are married and have long since left him

[signed] Thomas Ramsey

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On this 17th day of July 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County
 aforesaid Thomas Ramsay aged about 69 or 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on
 his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of
 the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820

That he the said Ramsey enlisted for two years in the second Virginia Regiment on Continental
 establishment commanded by Colo Alex'r. Spotswood in the company commanded by Capt Samuel
 Hawes attached to said regiment That as well as he can remember he enlisted in the latter part of
 February 1776 that he continued to serve until the period of enlistment expired at which time he obtained
 an honourable discharge which has been lost, that he obtained his discharge at Valley Forge, that his
 name has been placed on the pension list, and dropped therefrom on account of his property – that in
 pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear [the rest of the oath similar to that in the
 1820 declaration]

[Schedule of property]

A tract of poor land almost worn out, and no timber	
containing 61¼ acres valued at \$1 26/100 per acre	\$91.12 [see endnote]
and no more one horse colt of the value	12.00
and no more Four head of cattle of the value of	16.00
and no more Twenty head of hogs of the value of	12.00
and no more Household furniture of the value of	2.00
and no more farming utensils of the value of	3.00
and no more	
150 acres of poor broken land lying in the County of	
Pulaski valued by James Johnston at 12½ cents pr acre	18.06 ¼ [sic]
Twelve head of sheep of the value of	<u>8.00</u>
and no more	

Total value of property	\$169.09
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By occupation the declarant is a farmer and not at present by age and a complaint with which he is
 afflicted very able to do much hard work

his wife lives with him, aged 72 years in bad health and can render but little assistance, he has also living
 with him an orphan girl his grand child, who has been raised by him and is very sickly and is now about
 nineteen years of age, and who is incable by long ill health of providing any service worth mentioning
 that he gives Samuel Dadera[?] \$16.50 for necessaries for my family To Gen'l. Fauchner he owes \$5.00 for
 the season of a mare to Mr. Cooke he owes between 2 and 3 dollars for little necessaries \$2.00 to Doctor

Mason for medical services – that he has in money \$2.00 which he received for chickens and no more, that he has due him about 12½ cents for eggs, and no one else owes him anything – that since the exhibition of my first Schedule the following changes have been made in my property – I have lost three mares by dying, the yellow bay horse I gave in exchange for the Pulaski land mentioned above which I have offered for sale for 12½ cents an acre, but am unable to get it, and which is not worth more according to valuation, the other yellow horse he sold to Peter Fauchner for \$40 Commonwealths paper equal to \$22.50 to enable him to pay off the Doctors bill and to get necessaries.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 17th July 1826. Thomas Ramsay

NOTES:

On 29 Mar 1850 Obed Ramsey made the following statement in support of pension application R138 for the services of Richard Allen: “That his Father Thos Ramsey served a portion of his time under Col Allen That he saw them when they returned home from the service & has heard his Father & the said Richard Allen relating many circumstances that transpired during the time they were in the servis together. That he recolects of hearing his Father say that he once came verry near shooting the said Col Allen. That he was placed out one night as centinal and the said Col Allen sliped up to him & aimed to get his gun thinking he was asleep. but he was not & came verry near shooting the said Allen before he gave the watch word.” Thomas Ramsey would not have mentioned this militia service under Allen, because the acts of 1818 and 1820 were only for service in the regular army.

Ramsey’s agent explained that the reason for the lower value of the 61-acre tract in 1826 than in 1820 was that the value of land had dropped in that time.