

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Ravenscraft S38325

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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At a Court continued and held for Hampshire County the 18th day of August 1818


Francis Ravenscraft came into Court and declared upon oath in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" that he is 58 years of age resident in the County of Hampshire that he enlisted in that part of the County of Berkeley which now forms the County of Jefferson in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Fs. Willis [Francis Willis]<sup>1</sup> of the 16th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment on the 3rd day of April 1777. That he continued to Serve in the said Regiment in the Service of the United States for three years and three months when he was Discharged from the Service in Charles Town [Charleston] in the State of South Carolina – that he was at the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at Pauslus Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] and at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and that he is in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support now that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said Services. Ordered that it be certified that it appears to the Satisfaction of the Court that the said Frances Ravenscraft did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of three years and three months and that he is in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that the proceedings and testimony aforesaid be transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of War pursuant to the directions of the said act of Congress.

In testimony whereof I John B White Clerk of the said Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this County this 14th day of September 1818.

S/ John B. White

On this 18th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record, having unlimited jurisdiction above the sum of \$20 in all cases both in law and equity in the power of imposing fine and imprisonment Frances Ravenscraft aged upwards of 60 years resident in Hampshire County Virginia who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows That he enlisted in the year 1777 in that part of Berkeley County which now forms the County of Jefferson in a company

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commanded by Captain Francis Willis attached to the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Neville in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment and that he served in said Regiment about 2 years and 11 months, that he was discharged at Charleston South Carolina in the year 1780, that he was in the Battle of Monmouth, Paulus Hook and at Stony Point, of which will more fully appear by his original declaration filed in the War Office and dated the 16th day of March 1819 and upon which he has obtained a certificate of pension numbered 7402 and he did solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed viz. two horses worth about \$70 two cows worth \$24 one young cow and calf strayed off in the woods and suspected to be lost worth \$14 four breeding sows and 11 pigs worth \$11 twelve shoats worth \$12 two plows worth \$3.50 two pots worth \$3.50 one slow kettle \$2.50 1 [indecipherable] \$1.75 about 53 bushels of wheat worth about 50 cts per bushel \$22.50, three [indecipherable] \$1. That he knows to Edward McCarty \$20 to Daniel Long \$1.50 to the Sheriff of the County about \$1.86 to Doctor Crow \$7.87. The following is a list of the members of his family, himself & his wife aged sixty, Mary his daughter page 16, that he the said Ravenscraft is unable to labor and that his wife Joanna has been sick for two years & that he and his said daughter are able to contribute but little to their support.

[Attested by John B White, clerk of court, stating that the court found that the applicants property to be worth \$152.50 and that he is in debt \$30.23.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 18th, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Francis Ravenscraft S38325

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 28 Jan 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Ravenscraft, Francis.]

The bearer Francis Ravenscraft a Soldier of the third Virginia Battalion having faithfully served three years, it being the Term for which he was Inlisted in the Continental Army, is hereby discharged.

Done at Charles Town this Seventeenth day of April 1780

S'd Wm. Woodford Brig'r Gen'l [William Woodford]

Copy J. [undeciphered]

Sir please deliver unto Andrew Wodrow my Land Warrant due for military service, and oblige Sir

Test Your most Obe't.

Elias Poston Francis hisXmark Ravenscraft

To Colo. Thos Meriwether/ Richmond

NOTE: On 12 May 1780 the entire southern army besieged in Charleston SC was surrendered to the British.