

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Raynes S45094

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I John Raynes of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire do solemnly sincerely and truly swear that on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine I was entered and enlisted for the period of one year in the Continental Service on board the public armed ship called the *Ranger*<sup>1</sup> commanded by Thomas Simpson<sup>2</sup> Esquire, in the capacity of Captain's Clerk, and that I continued in service and attached to the said ship until the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780 when she was surrendered to the enemy in the harbor of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780];<sup>3</sup> and was also under certain articles of capitulation surrendered as a prisoner of war. And I declare that I remained a prisoner of war and was not exchanged until after the expiration of the period for which I enlisted. And I further solemnly swear that I was in the public service on the Continental establishment for more than nine months in the war of the Revolution commencing from or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1779 and that now I received no pension from the United States and that I am destitute of the means of support.

John Raynes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Raynes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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I Elijah Hall of Portsmouth in the State of New Hampshire do hereby certify and make known, That I was the first Lieutenant of the public armed vessel called the *Ranger* commanded by Thomas Simpson Esquire from the first of October 1779 to the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780 when she was surrendered to the enemy in the Harbor of Charleston in the State of South Carolina. And I further certify that I am well acquainted with John Raynes who served on board said ship in the capacity of Captain's Clerk, and that the facts and circumstances stated in the within affidavit signed by the said John Raynes are true, and I further declare according to the best of my knowledge and belief that the said John Raynes was in the public service on the Continental

<sup>1</sup> [https://threedecks.org/index.php?display\\_type=show\\_ship&id=2531](https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2531)

<sup>2</sup> [https://threedecks.org/index.php?display\\_type=show\\_crewman&id=651](https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_crewman&id=651)

<sup>3</sup> Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

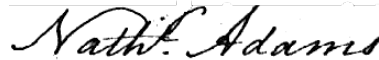
Establishment for more than nine months in the war of the Revolution and that the said Raynes stands in need of assistance from the Country

Elijah Hall



I Nathaniel Adams testify and say That I have for many years been acquainted with John Raynes whose affidavit is on the other side here of That I was knowing to his being in Public service on board the Ship *Ranger* Thomas Simpson Commanded in the years 1779 and 1780 and at the time said ship was captured at Charlestown by the British and that said Raynes now stands in need of assistance from his country for support

Nath'l Adams



[William M Richardson, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature certified the genuineness of the above documents and his finding the facts stated in the above documents are true. This document is dated March 6, 1818]

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District of Newhampshire SS –

At a District Court Holden at Portsmouth within & for the District of Newhampshire before the Honorable John S Sherburne Esquire Judge of said Court – On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record proceeding according to the course of the common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of their proceedings and having power of fine and imprisonment for said District John Raynes aged sixty nine years residence in Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows namely as captain's clerk on board the Ship *Ranger* Thomas Simpson Esquire Commander in the U.S. navy that he has received a pension the Certificate of which is numbered 53 & commencing March 26, 1818 –

And 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 –

Schedule of the real & personal estate of John Raynes necessary clothing & bedding excepted –

John Raynes -  
Schedule of the real & personal effects of John Raynes need  
say clothing & bedding excepted

13 old chairs	4 50	1 broken looking glass	0 50
1 Maple Table	3 0	1 Clothes horse & 3 flat irons	1
1 Birch do	2 50	1 Chafin dish & gridiron	75
2 pine do	1 00	1 toaster	50
Brockery & iron ware	6 50	sundry old castles & tubes	1 50
knives & forks	1 25	1 Bible & sundry old books	3 00
tin ware	3 00	1 Cow loaned me	
1 warming pan	2 00	luxury broths	
1 ft iron do & 1 p. Anvil	1 50		
2 shovels & tongs & 1 axe	2 75		
1 small old carpet	2		
1 old bellows	2 50		

I once kept a small shop & no stock left; and have now no constant employment and am unable to procure a subsistence without the aid & assistance of others - I have a wife named Elizabeth aged sixty five years who is lame in both hands & otherwise infirm, and also a niece named Lucy Norwood aged about thirty years, who I am obliged to retain to assist my wife who is unable to do for herself

John Raynes

Sworn to & declared this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1820

[The court valued the scheduled property as being worth \$37.50]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing March 26, 1818, for service in the United States Navy as a Captain's Clerk.]