

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Ramsay (Ramsey)S4752

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State of Tennessee, Jackson County

On the 14th day of May 1833 court of common pleas & quarter sessions appeared in open court before the ____ [names of judge or judges is/are obliterated on the original] now sitting Daniel Ramsey a resident in the County of Jackson State of Tennessee aged about sixty nine years who being first 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 & served as herein stated: In the year 1780 the month of June he volunteered as a substitute for one William Walker in Caswell County North Carolina where he then resided under Capt. David McFarland & Col. Collier [John Collier] and marched to Deep River he thinks in Chatham County N. Carolina where he joined head Quarters Commanded by Genl Butler [John Butler] from thence to Camden & joined Genl Gates [Horatio Gates]. He was in the battle of Camden in Gates' defeat which was in the Summer of 1780 [August 15-16, 1780]. After Gates' defeat, he returned home after serving a tour of three month.

After remaining at home eight or ten days, he went to Hillsborough & again joined Col. Moore's Regiment the 1st of Sep 1780. There was 19 or 20 baggage wagons along going towards Guilford. In proceeding toward the Reedy Fork of Haw River, [we] found they were to be attacked by the British when Col. Moore & Col. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] formed their Regiments for battle & gave the wagons time to go on to the ford of the River. We were attacked by the British; gave them only one fire & removed to the ford of the River. Col. Washington [William Washington] & Col. Lee [Henry "light horse Harry" Lee] with their light horse guarded the ford until the wagons passed over.

At Rugely [sic, Rugeley] Mills [December 4, 1780]¹, there were a large number of Tories assembled. Cols. Moore & Pickens marched there with their Regiments & found the Tories stationed in a house. We have no cannon, cut a pine log; blacked the end & put it on wheels to represent one in order to deceive them in which we succeeded & took them without firing a gun. [We] carried the Tories from Rugeley's Mill to Salisbury & built a house to confine them. Applicant was then discharged by our Capt Oldham [John Oldham] after serving a tour of three months but has lost his discharge many years since.

In the latter part of the year 1780, in the month of October, Applicant substituted for one John Akins on a tour of three months. In this tour he was altogether employed in scouting the

¹ The troops at Rugeley's Mills were commanded by William Washington, not Andrew Pickens or Colonel Moore

County, traveling the County in various directions some times as high up as Salisbury & returned home after a three month tour.


In February 1781, [if] applicant's recollection serves him, he volunteered on a three months tour & went to guard Boyd Ferry on Dan River. He thinks Capt Herndon Haroldson [sic, Herndon Haralson] & Col. Moore [William Moore] were both at this ferry. He only served six weeks in this tour. His recollection is that if the men would turn out on this tour it should serve for a three months tour not having time to make a draft so they only served six weeks.

In 1781 the month of June applicant substituted for one Yancey Balzy [sic, "Bailey" or "Balsey"?] he thinks under Capt H. Heraldson [sic, Haralson] & Col. Moore; marched from home; went by Camden & the High Hills of Santee & joined Genl Gates' [sic, Genl. Nathanael Greene was the commander of the Southern Department of the Continental Army at the time of the Battle of Guilford Court House] army some time after the Battle of Guilford Court House. From Guilford [we] marched on towards the Eutaw Springs & [he] was in that battle in the month of Sept [September 8, 1780]. From the Eutaw Springs, applicant with some militia [under] Cols Moore & Pickens carried the prisoners that were taken in that battle to Salisbury. He was then discharged & went home. This was also a tour of three months.

Application was born in the year 1763. He has a record of his age in his possession made by his father & mother during the Revolutionary war. From Caswell County where [he] entered the service, he moved to Granville County N. Carolina & lived there three years. He then moved to Jackson County Tennessee where he now lives. Applicant regularly received discharges every tour but not believing such papers would ever be of any service to him, they have long since been lost or destroyed. In his whole service he was a private & served as a Solder in actual service thirteen months & two weeks in all. By reason of old age & loss of memory, he cannot state the exact date of the month when he entered the service or when he was discharged in his different tours but he is certain he served the thirteen months & two weeks in all. Applicant knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service as a Soldier of the Revolution nor has he any documentary evidence to show it. The best evidence he can provide is the certificate of Jones Griffith & Reuben Graves of one of whom is a clergyman who will testify to his character for veracity & the belief in the neighborhood that he was a soldier of the Revolution. [He] was a volunteer in his service as well as he was a substitute [at times].

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State to his knowledge. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Ramsay

A black and white image of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Daniel Ramsay". The signature is written on a piece of paper with some texture and shading.

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk of Jackson County Court

We, Jones Griffith a clergyman residing in the County of Jackson & State of Tennessee and Reuben Graves residing in the same county & State hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Daniel Ramsay who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be sixty nine years of age; that he is respected & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/Jones Griffith

S/ Ruben Graves

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk of Jackson County Court

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter & after putting the interrogatives prescribed by the War Department that the above applicant was a revolutionary soldier & served as he states and the court further certifies that it appears to them that Jones Griffith who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the county of Jackson and that Reuben Graves who has also signed the same is a resident in the county of Jackson & is a credible person & that their statement is entitled to credit.

S/ John McCarver

S/ John Graham

S/ Tandy H. Witcher

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months and 16 days in the North Carolina militia.]