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Pension application of Anthony Rains (Raines) W1481 Nancy fn43NC
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[fn pp 4-5: family record]

Anthony Rains was born october 12 1757

Nancy Rains the wife Anthony Rains was born July the 10th 1760

John Rains the son of anthony & Nancy Rains was born December 8th 1787

Isaac Rains the son of Anthony and Nancy Rains was born June 6th 1787

Elisebeth Rains the Daughter of anthony & Nancy Rains was born September the 20th 1789

Balsom Rains the son of Anthony & Nancy Rains was born September the 17 1801

William Rains the son of Anthony & Nancy Rains was born August 15 day [year obliterated]

Nansy Rains was [word obliterated]

William Rains was born August the 15th 1807

Bralam Rains the son of Anthony & Nancey Rains was born September the 17th 1801

Hannah Rains was taken sick September the 10th died the 16th 1829

Rebekah Rains the Daughter of Anthony & Nancy Rains was born January the 12th 1792

Jean Rains the Daughter of Anthony & Nancy Rains was born march 31 1794

Mary Rains the Daughter of anthony & Nancy Rains was born June the 14th 1796

Hannah Rains the Daughter of Anthony & Nancy Rains was born December 27th 1798

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State North Carolina Randolph County

On this 5th day of February A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Randolph now sitting Anthony Rains a resident of the County of Randolph & State of North Carolina aged seventy-seven 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as follows That about the first of March 1781 he was drafted and entered the service of the United States under Captain John Hynes, and Lieutenant Quelln Jones [?] in the County of Randolph from which place he was marched by his officers to the County of Chatham to the barracks, which went by the name of Colonel Luttrell's barracks and was put under the command of Colonel Lyteral [sic, Col. John Luttrell] and General Butler. These barracks were strongly fortified as a place of record [?] for the friends of the country against the attacks of the Tories who were very numerous and troublesome,

This affiant states that he was marched out from these barracks in almost every direction, to meet and combat & to pursue the Tories under the command of Fanning [David Fanning] who

was continually on the march, murdering the Whigs, burning their dwellings and carrying many of them away as prisoners. That these barracks was the stronghold from which they, affiant and his friends, sallied in their excursions, and to which they returned after the object of them was accomplished. On one occasion the company of Captain Hines to which this affiant was attached, attack a company of Tories under their Captain Merridy Edwards [Meredith Edwards?] and took the whole of them prisoners and carried them to the barracks,

This affiant states that it would be tedious and perhaps unnecessary for him to state the particularly, the history of the numerous excursions in which he was engaged and of which his services chiefly consisted, but that he continued in the service of the Country from the first of March, shortly before the battle of Guilford till Fanning was driven from the Country and his followers dispersed and put down and till the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. After the surrender of Lord Cornwallis reached the barracks at which place he was stationed he together with the rest of the forces stationed at that place were discharged, and that this affiant received a written discharge from Captain Hynes, for which he has made diligent search among his papers, but which he cannot find and supposes to be lost. This affiant states that he served as aforesaid from the first of March 1781 till the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown comprising a period of 8 months and the rise.

This affiant states that he was born in the year 1757 That he has a record of his age made in his fathers family Bible which is now in his own possession. That he was born in Caroline County on the Rappahannock [River] in the State of Virginia where he lived till he was 15 years of age at which time he moved with his mother and her family (his father being dead) into the County of Randolph State of North Carolina, where he resided when he was called into the service and where he has continued to reside since that time.

He states that he is well known to the Reverend Lane Hutson and Peter Craven who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his revolutionary services, and that there is no person that he knows of who can positively prove his services. Except that the said Peter Craven saw him occasionally in service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Anthony Rains, 7 his mark

[Lane Hutson, a clergyman, and Peter Craven gave the standard supporting affidavit; Peter Craven added "the said Craven having seen him in actual service during the war of the revolution."]

[fn p. 7: on October 13, 1840 in Perry County Tennessee, Nancy Rains, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Anthony Rains, a pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him March 2, 1787 in Randolph County North Carolina; that her husband died in Randolph County on March 25, 1837 and that she remains his widow.]