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Pension application of David Ramsey W17511

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State of North Carolina Iredell County: March 29th 1841

Personally appeared before me John Young an acting Justice of the peace for said County Andrew Ramsey and after being sworn according to law deposeth & saith as follows, that he is well acquainted with Margaret Ramsey the present applicant and that she has lost the powers of her mind and body in such a degree as to unable [sic] her to make a declaration; that she is the widow of David Ramsey (who was his Brother) that the said David Ramsey & affiant at the time of the Snowy Campaign spoken of in the foregoing declaration were living together at their father's & that the same David Ramsey volunteered for a 3 months tour in that campaign under General Rutherford and he started from home and was engaged as he believes in performing that service that in the fall of 1781, he volunteered for another 3 months tour, in this State in Wilmington under the command of General Rutherford that he accompanied him in that tour about one hundred miles & that said David Ramsey when he left him was acting as issuing Commissary, that when the said David Ramsey returned he heard him say he was at Wilmington & he believes performed the whole tour that affiant was at Ramsour's Battle ground the day after the battle & saw his brother the said David Ramsey there, & he believes the said David Ramsey was actually in the Battle on that occasion that he belonged to the Militia of North Carolina that he was present at the marriage of the said David Ramsey & the aforesaid Margaret Ramsey & believes it was in the summer of 1775 & that he died in the year 1816 & that the said Margaret has lived a widow ever since during the whole of this time he the said David Ramsey was a resident of Rowan County now Iredell County North Carolina -- that the said David Ramsey was well known as a Revolutionary Soldier and performed actual service as such.

Test: S/ John Young, JP

S/ Andrew Ramsey, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Iredell County: March 29th 1841

Personally appeared before me John Young one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County, Rufus Ramsey and after being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration that he is the son of Margaret Ramsey, who by reason of Bodily & Mental infirmity is unable to make a declaration in person. The said Margaret Ramsey is the widow of David Ramsey deceased who performed as he understands and believes the following services in the revolutionary war. He performed one tour in the winter of 1775 called the Snowy Campaign in the State of South Carolina he performed one tour in the fall of 1780 of 3 months in the State during which tour he served one half of his time as a Lieutenant & the other half as a Captain

under the command of Colonel Locke he also performed one other tour of 3 months in the fall of 1781 to Wilmington North Carolina under the command of General Rutherford and served a part if not the whole of that tour as issuing commissary. -- he was also in the Battle at Ramsour's in Lincoln under Colonel Locke, he was a resident of Rowan County now Iredell and that the above services were performed in the militia of North Carolina he the said David Ramsey was married in the summer of 1775 & that the said David Ramsey died the 29th June 1816, & the said Margaret Ramsey has remained a widow ever since that time that there is no record or documentary proof of his Revolutionary services performed by the deceased David Ramsey.

Test: S/ John Young, JP

S/ Rufus Ramsey

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State of North Carolina Iredell County: this day personally appeared age subscriber Andrew Ramsey before me George T. Emerson one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the said County and made oath in due form of law that he was a Brother of David Ramsey who was a soldier in the Revolution and that he the said David Ramsey was married to Margaret Ramsey whom you have now entered on your Pension files in this year of the Cherokee expedition which he believes was in the year A.D. 1775 or 1776 and that he was present and saw them married in the County then Rowan now Iredell and the State aforesaid and that the said David Ramsey was drafted a few days after they were married to perform a tour in the Cherokee expedition and that he knows of no entry or documentary evidence of their marriage.

Sworn to and subscribed before me June 14th 1841

S/ G. T. Emerson, JP

S/ Andrew Ramsey, X his mark

State of North Carolina Iredell County

Be it known, that on the 25th day of September 1841, before me George T. Emerson a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Martha Nail who being sworn in due form of law deposes as follows -- that she was well acquainted with David Ramsey & his wife Margaret, for whom application is making for a pension -- that she knows that the said David & Margaret Ramsey were married in the year 1776 -- that, though not present when the ceremony was performed, he was with the wedding party the day after at the house of David Ramsey's Father, when the said David & Margaret were recognized by all as man & wife, -- that she is the more certain as to the date of the marriage, from her knowledge of the age of one of her own children, which she then head with her. That she has lived near & known well the said David & Margaret Ramsey ever since up to the deaths -- that they always during the whole period cohabited in the relation of man & wife & had several children whom she knows were baptized for them as the parents, in the Presbyterian Church, of which they were members.

Sworn to and subscribed in presence of

S/ Geo. T. Emerson, JP

S/ Martha Nail, N her mark

State of North Carolina Iredell County: Be it known that on the 25th day of September A.D. 1841 Before me George T. Emerson a Justice of the peace for said County, personally appeared Andrew Ramsey, who being sworn in due form of law, deposes in addition to what he had certified previously, relative to Margaret Ramsey applicant for pension -- that they were not only married in 1775 or 6, but that they lived together in the relation of Husband & wife until they were separated by death.

Sworn to & subscribed in presence of

S/ Geo. T. Emerson, JP

S/ Andrew Ramsey, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Iredell County: I J.L. Alexander Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Iredell do hereby certify that at August Session 1841 personally appeared Colonel David Ramsey in open court who after being duly qualified according to law deposeth and saith that he was personally and well acquainted with Mrs. Margaret Ramsey widow of David Ramsey deceased and that she died on the 18th day of May 1841 leaving the following children to wit Rufus, Elizabeth and Mary who intermarried with James Templeton which are all the living children.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office at office this the 13th day of October 1831

S/ J. F. Alexander, Clerk

[fn pp. 18 et seq. what appears to be an account book kept by David Ramsey with entries which appear to relate to his time in the militia [or, in the case of the recipe for the cure of rattlesnake bite, of interest to the transcriber] as follows:

fn p. 20:

"November ye 12th 1781
An account of the Several
Receipts Given for Provision
And forrage for the
Use of Leutenant Cols. Smith's
Regt of Dragoons and
Mounted Infantry
Detached from B. G. Rutherford's
Brigand By me
David Ramsey"

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"October ye 28th 1781
Received from Benj. Smith
And issued for the use of
Cols Robt Smiths Regt of
Horse Three hundred and
twenty five Bush of Peas In
The Ham one Hundred bush
of Rice in the sheaf four
Sheep and twenty pounds of
Salted Beef and Twenty bush
of Puratos and one Cow for
Beef And at the Same
Time form Col. Lenored one
Cow for Beef
Oct. 29th 1781
Received from John Vernon

Fifty three Bushels of Corn
and Four Hundred and Sixty
Pounds of fodder"

fn p. 21 second half of page:
"From November ye 6th 1781
Untoll Novr Ye 18th 1781
Received of Robt Shaw
345 bush of Corn and 200 lb
of Salt Beef 4 Sheep 300 lb of ?
Pork 25 bush of Purtatos
7000 Lt. of Corn fodder &
140 bush of Rice in the sheaf
one Barrel of flour"

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<p>"For the Bite of a Ratle Sneake Sake the roots of Plantain and horsehound roots and branches together a suffi cient quantity bruise them in a morter and Squeeze out the Juce of which give as Soon as possible one large Spoonfull If the patient cannot Swallow force it in him If he be not Relieved in one hour Repeet the dose which was never known to fail the Receipt of Dr. Brooks Said to the Invention of a Negro for which the obained his freedom and 100 £ per anum for life by the Gnl asemby of St. Carolina"</p>	<p>translation For the bite of a rattlesnake Shake the roots of Plantain and horsehound¹ roots and branches together sufficient quantity. Bruise them in a mortar and squeeze out the juice. Give as soon as possible a large spoonful [of the juice]. If the patient cannot swallow [the juice], force it in him. If he is not relieved in one hour, repeat the dose. [This cure] has never been known to fail. It is the recipe of Dr. Brooks who said it was the invention of a Negro for which [the Negro] obtained his freedom and £100 per annum for life [granted the Negro] by the General Assembly of South Carolina</p>
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fn p. 26:
"September ye 4th 1781 [could be 9th 1781]
Rec'd of Pag[illegible] Roll [illegible]
Punds and one half of powder

¹ According to <http://www.rootznculture.com>

"Horehound is customarily used for coughs, cold, sore throats, congestion, and lung problems. When taken hot it will produce heavy sweating. When taken at room temperature it is beneficial to the treatment of jaundice and asthma, and difficult breathing, and will expel worms. It is especially good for children. Syrup made from it is very good for coughs, colds, and asthma, etc. For children sweeten with a good amount of honey or maple syrup."

And Thirty pound of Lead and
Twenty five pints and nine
Doz of Citrigns [cartridges ?] for the use
Maj. Smith Regiment of horse
for Capt. Penney and [illegible]
Shins [?] Rec'd by me
S/ David Ramsey"

"Sept. ye 27th 1781
Received of David Price four [illegible, probably 'pds']
of powder Nine pounds of Lead
four Doz. catrigns and Twenty
Eight flints for the
use of Maj. Smith's Redgment
of horse for Capts. [illegible]
and Grimes for Capt. Richd S[illegible]
Rec'd by me S/ David Ramsey"
[there is another entry on this page but it is largely illegible]

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"Oct br ye 6th 1781
Issued to the Several Companies of
Major Robt. Smith Redgt. of Light
Dragoons by me David Ramsey Q M
for the Same
To Capt. Wm Penney one pound and
Three Quarters of powder and five p[torn paper]
of Lead and one Doz. of Catrige
To Capt. Jesse Knighton four Doz
Catrages and four pounds of powder
and Ten pound of Lead
To Capt. Wright two pounds of
Powder and five pounds of Lead and
Two Doz of Catrages
To Capt. White Two Doz Catrag
and five pound of Lead
To Capt. Bickerstaff one Doz
Catrages
To Capt. Enoch one pound and one half
Of powder and four pound Lead
To Capt. Grimes two pound of powder
one Doz. and one half of Catrage"
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To Capt. Smith five Doz of
Catrages
To Capt. Simins one Doz of Catrage

To Capt. Carruth Two Doz
of Catrages
Again to Capt. Smith one Musket
one Doz of Catrage

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"A list of David Ramsey's
Company of foot in
the first Redgment of N.C. [?]
Entered the Service Sept. 178[last digit illegible]
David Ramsey Capt. Aug. 19
Samule Howon [? Samuel ?] Leut. Sept. 8
Samule Murphy [Samuel Murphy] Sert. [illegible]
Isack Erwin Sert. Sept. 8 [Isaac Erwin]
John Erwin Sert. Augt. 20?
Solomon Duglass [Solomon Douglass] Agst. 20
Wm Erwin Junr.² Agst 20
John Erwin Agst 20
Robert ? [ends in "hness"]
George Niblick
Benjamine Armstrong
Wm Miller
John Gilaspie
Wm Trewlove
John Bristol
Robert Braverd [sic, Robert Brevard]³
Wm Nall
Thomas Lowry⁴
Wm Lowry
Wm Erwin, Senr.
Thomas Leigh
Wm Mc[illegible]

A List of Men [illegible] to Scrimage
att Wahups Sept. 21st 1780
under Comand of Col. Davy
David Ramsey Capt.
John Purviance Leut
Nathanell Leard Sert. [Nathaniel Leard?]
John Erwin
John Anderson
Benjamin Armstrong

Dolars [Dollars?]
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² [William Erwin S6823](#)

³ [Robert Brevard R1181 A](#)

⁴ This MAY be the Thomas Lowry W8060 whose widow said he lived in Rowan County and served under Captains Penney and Grimes.

Wm Young	do
George Wise [?]	do
Wm Beatty	do
Josua Nichels [Joshua Nichols?]	do
James Gregery [James Gregory?]	do
Samule [illegible]	do
Hugh Camble [Hugh Campbell?]	do
Samule Murphy [Samuel Murphy]	do

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State of North Carolina Iredell County: Personally appeared before me William M. Allen one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Joseph Sharpe who after being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he has a perfect recollection of the Cherokee expedition that he acted as commissary and that expedition and on his way home he first heard of the declaration of Independence from which fact I am confident the Cherokee expedition was in the year 1776 further this deponent saith not this 5th day of July 1841.

S/ Joseph Sharpe⁵

⁵ [Joseph Sharpe S7482](#)