

obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said James Rankin enlisted for the term of one year in the state of New Jersey in the Company commanded by Capt. Shaw in the second Regiment commanded by Colo William Manwell [sic] in the line of the State of New Jersey on continental Establishment and that he served in the said Corps until the expiration of his term, he then reenlisted in the same Company then commanded by Captain Henry Luce for and during the term and continuance of the War. That he served in the said Corps until the conclusion of the War in the year 1783, and was discharged at Newburgh on the North river in the State of New York. That his discharge has been lost or mislaid, That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the Present. That he has made repeated applications to be placed upon the Pension list, but either from defects in his papers or want of proof of his services, or some other cause he has he thinks failed. [Oath similar to the one above follows.] James hisXmark Rankin

NOTES:

On 5 April 1828 Joseph Anderson Comptroller of the US Treasury, stated in a letter to Congressman Nathaniel H. Claiborne that he recalled the name of James Rankin and was able to describe him, and that a letter from Rankin detailed officers and events that he also recollected.

On 20 April 1843 Rebecca Rankin, about 88, of Franklin County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married James Rankin in Sussex County after he left the service and before 1794, and he died on 27 Aug 1836. She stated that her eldest daughter, Peggy, 55, the widow of William Greenwood, was born after the marriage. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 26 Dec 1810 by William Greenwood and John Burns for the marriage of Greenwood to Peggy Rankin, daughter of James Rankin. On 16 May 1843 Abraham Gish, about 74, stated that 30 to 40 years previously James Rankin moved about three miles from him in Cloverdale Furnace in Botetourt County, and that Peggy Greenwood of Franklin County was at least as old as his son, John Gish, who was born on 6 April 1793. On 26 Sep 1848 Rebecca Rankin was said to be 90.