

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Rains W4058
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[f p. 36]

Virginia

At a Court held for the County of Monroe the 19th day of May 1818 –

John Rains appeared in Open Court (Being a Court of Record) and made oath that he enlisted in the year 1776 under one Captain David Lard [David Laird] whose company was attached to the 10th Regiment under the command of Colonel Stevens [Edward Stevens]: which said Regiment was attached to General Wheaton's [sic George Weedon's] Brigade, & to the Virginia line on Continental establishment, & that he continued in service during the war of the Revolution from that time until the year 1779 when he was discharged by Colonel Phebacker [Christian Febiger] in the City of Philadelphia, which discharge has long since been lost, & the said Rains further made oath that he is now upwards of sixty years old & that from his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support & further that he has never been a pensioner either of the state or United States –

John Smith also appeared in Court and made oath that he knows the said Rains did enlist at the Commencement of the Revolutionary war for 3 years & that he was absent from the County in which he lived & he believes he did serve during that time – & further that the said Rains is in reduced circumstances in life & needs the assistance of his Country for support –

The said County Court of Monroe do hereby certify that it appears to their satisfaction that the said John Rains did serve in the War of the Revolution as by him above stated – & it appears also from his own statement & from other credible evidence that he is in reduced circumstances & needs his Country's assistance for support.

The Court do therefore direct there Clerk to transmit the proceedings & testimony had & taken before them to the Secretary of the War Department.

In Testimony whereof I John Hutchison Jr. Deputy for Isaac Hutchison Clerk of the said County Court of Monroe have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of my Office at Union this 26 day of April A.D. 1819 –

S/ Jno. Hutchison, Jr. DC

for

Isaac Hutchison, CMC

Virginia At a Court held for the County of Monroe at the Court house on Tuesday the 18th day of July 1820 in the 45th year of the Commonwealth

On this 18th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of record) John Rains aged about sixty-four years and resident in the said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as a

private in the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Stephens [Edward Stevens] in the company of Captain David Lard [David Laird] & afterwards by Captain Lamb and that he was on the Continental line and that the date of his original declaration is the 19th day of May 1818, that he has received a certificate of pension No. 14,300 and I do further solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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, to wit, one spinning wheel, one pewter dish, 3 tin pans, 12 white plates one half dozen knives & forks, one set cups & saucers, half dozen spoons, half dozen teaspoons one small oven 1 small pot, 2 pair pot hooks, 1 large tin bucket, 1 small pale, one pair cotton cards, one [indecipherable] one pair pinchers to common beds one horse which was bought by my son who is not yet of age but he is working for himself and paid for the horse himself one candlestick 2 old hoes. I am in debt and owe to different persons about \$50. I have no particular occupation my wife is upwards of 56 years of age. I have nine children all of which are to themselves working to make their living except one boy and girl which girl is very unhealthy, the value of my property I think is about \$50 and the Court are of opinion that the value of the property mentioned in the foregoing Schedule is of the value of \$15 beds excepted.

Isaac Hutchison Clerk of the said County Court of Monroe do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the Schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the record of the said Court and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is \$15 Bedding excepted. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court on this 19th day of July 1820 and in the 45th year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Isaac Hutchison, Clerk

[f p. 8: On January 7th, 1847, in Fayette County Virginia, Margaret Rains, 84, made application for a pension under the 1844 act stating that she is the widow of John Rains, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died in Kanawha County September 7th, 1845; that previous to his death he resided in Fayette and Monroe Counties Virginia; that she married him in January 1785 in Rockingham County Virginia; that her maiden name was Margaret Dooley. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 12: copy of a marriage bond issued January 14, 1785 in Rockingham County Virginia to John Rains & John Smith conditioned upon the marriage of John Rains to Margaret Dooley, daughter of Thomas Dooley deceased of the County of Rockingham.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 19, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing September 4th, 1845.]

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Addendum to John Rains W4058

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 21 Jan 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that John Rains was Inlisted in my Company the 20th day of March 1777 to serve three years in the Continental army and Likewise That he Received his pay in paper money up to the 1st December 1777 and also that he has not Received more than two full suits of Clothes while in the army

Giving under my hand This 9th day of July 1783 Nathan Lamme [S46454] form[er]ly Capt
Copy J. Pendleton jr. of 6th Ridgmt

Rockingham County to wit this day came John Rains before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he has received a Discharge from Colo. Febiger for serving in the Continental Army three years part of the time in the 10th Virg'a Reg & the rest of the time in the 6th Virg'a Reg't Commanded by Colo. John Green [BLWt866-500] & that he had his Discharge destroyed by some [undeciphered] witness my hand this 17th Day of June 1783

NB in Capt lambs Comp'y

Wm Hall

Copy J. Pendleton jr.

[other side]

Rec'd of Tho. Meriwether a Certificate to obtain a land warr[an]t for Jno Rains. July [illegible]

William Hall

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Virginia Monroe County towit

This day John Rains personally came before me Robert Coalter a Justice of the peace for the said County of Monroe and made oath That some time in the year 1776 as well as he can recollect he enlisted in a company commanded by one David Lard which company was attached to the 10th Regiment of Virginia on continental establishment that a certain Capt. Lamb [sic: Lamme] succeeded Lard. That he received his discharge in Philadelphia by Colo. Phebecker but that he has lost the s'd discharge The said John Rains further states on oath that he has never given authority in any manner to draw a warrant for the bounty in land which he considers himself now entitled to; and that if such warrant did ever issue that it was without his knowledge or consent and that he has never received any benefit therefrom Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 1st day of August 1820 John hisXmark Rains