

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ramsey (Ramsay) W42 Elizabeth fn69NC  
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State of Tennessee Monroe County: On this 23rd day of September 1844, personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Elisabeth Ramsey a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Ramsey Deceased who died on the 16th of November 1807, and was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution, was drafted in Iredell County North Carolina, and served the first tour of 3 months in Captain Falls company in Lincoln County North Carolina, and was in the Battle at Ramsour's [Ramsour's Mill] under the command of General Davidson, where he was wounded by a shot in his knee, and after his recovery from the said wound he served another 3 months tour in South Carolina, sometime in the year 1781, and that she was married to the said John Ramsey in Iredell County North Carolina on the 3rd of June 1790 and still remains his widow. She further declares that she has no documentary evidence of her marriage, that she knows of, except the family record, which shows that her eldest daughter Mary was born on the 14th of June 1791, and that she knows of no living witness at this time by whom she can prove her marriage, but that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, to wit, at the time above mentioned, and she further declares, that she has not married since the death of the aforesaid John Ramsey but is still his widow.

S/ Elisabeth Ramsey, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before as acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County. And I further certify that the said Elisabeth Ramsey is from bodily infirmity and old age unable to attend court.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of September 1844

S/ John Rodgers, JP

State of Tennessee Monroe County: personally appeared before me James Sewell a Justice of the Peace for said County, Elizabeth Gamble and made oath according to law that she has been well acquainted with John Ramsey and Elisabeth Ramsey named in the foregoing declaration, both before & since her marriage, and that they have lived together as husband and wife ever since until his death, and she recollects to have seen him soon after he returned from the Battle at Ramsour's, and has often seen his wound dressed and she recollects well at one time to have seen a skein of silk drawn through the wound to cleanse it -- and she further states that after his recovery he returned to the Army again within about 12 months, after he received the wound, and

she further states that she believes the marriage took place as stated in the foregoing declaration, and that the legality of the marriage has never been disputed in the neighborhood in which she resides.

Sworn to and subscribed 25th September 1844

S/ Elizabeth Gamble, X her mark State of Tennessee Greene County: Personally appeared before me John McBride a Justice of the Peace in and for said County William McBride and made oath in due form of law that he was present and saw John Ramsey and Elizabeth Ramsey married in Iredell County North Carolina and that he believes the marriage took place in the year 1790, for the reason that he knows he was bound as an apprentice to the Settlers trade at the age of 16 years and that the family Register shows that he was born the 5th of February 1777, and that upon entering his apprenticeship at the age of 16 which would have been in the year 1793, and he further states that Elizabeth Ramsey being his mother that he resided with her at the time of said marriage, and that he recollects well that when he entered the apprenticeship as above stated that their eldest daughter (Mary) was about 2 years old, and he further states that he remembers well that the said John Ramsey and Elizabeth both signed the Indentures binding him to said trade the 1st of March 1793, and after the expiration of his said apprenticeship, he returned home and resided in the family again for several years, and since they came to Tennessee, he has still been acquainted with them, and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband the aforesaid John Ramsey.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of January 1846

S/ William McBride

[fn p. family information:

John Ramsey and his wife Elizabeth had the following children

Mary Ramsey, eldest daughter, married June 14th, 1791

Martha Ramsey born December 26, 1793

John born Made 5, 1797

Nancy born August 20, 1800]

[the widow made application in Blount Tennessee in July 1848 for a new pension certificate.]