

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Rains<sup>1</sup> W4314      Jane      f42VA  
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State of Ohio Brown County: SS

On this 29th day of April 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County and State aforesaid now sitting William Rains, a resident of the State of Ohio in the County of Brown aged sixty-nine years old the 23rd of November next as stated to him by his Parents while they were living, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, that he entered the Service as a drafted Militia man in the month of March 1781 in the County of Fauquier County in the State of Virginia under Captain John Obanion [John O'Bannon] who commanded the Company. Colonel Churchill [Armistead Churchill] commanded the Regiment – they were first marched to Fredericksburg and thence to Williamsburg in Virginia where they remained some time and was sent at times from Williamsburg down to guard a place then called the graves where a certain Colonel Black lived at length they were drawn from Williamsburg by the British, and they went to Richmond Virginia where his time expired and was discharged, some [time] in June, having served his full Tour of three months and while he lay at Richmond the British came and burned the tobacco warehouses at Manchester in sight of Richmond [April 30, 1781]. After he had been at home some time, he and several others went to the Court house in Fauquier County with an intent of hiring as substitutes for others being another call for men that so many had gone off and there being so many [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup> that in making up the quota called for it came to his turn again to be drafted which he was, he thinks to the best of his knowledge in the month of August of the same year [1781] and he entered the Service the second time as a drafted militia man under Captain James Winn, and was marched to Yorktown in Virginia when the British Army lay commanded by Lord Cornwallis, and the first night that they firing commenced at the Siege of Yorktown, the next morning our Captain James Winn ran off and returned home, and the Company was then commanded by Captain Lyn Sharp [Linsfield Sharpe] in the Battalion to which the Company he belonged to was attached was commanded by Major Welch & the Regiment by Colonel Elias Edmonds and General Washington was the Commander in Chief, they remained at Yorktown until the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and then the Company to which he belonged was ordered to guard some of the British Prisoners to some

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt34854-160-55

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barracks about six miles from Winchester Virginia & his time being expired he was discharged and sent home having served a second tour of three months, making in both tours of Service six months, for which he asked 8 Pension, that he never had any written discharge.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no Person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, that he hereby relinquishes every Claim for a Pension or annuity except the Present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

That he was born in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia in the year 1764 on the 23 day of November has related to him by his Parents while they were living, that he has no record of his age, that he resided in the County where he was born until the year 1784 when he removed to Kentucky, now Moran [Morgan?] County and in 1796 he moved to where he now resides in Brown County of Ohio and has resided there ever since.

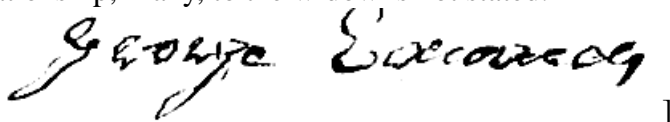
S/ William Rains



[Benjamin Sutton and William Middleton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 18: On October 29, 1838 in Brown County Ohio, Jane Rains, 69, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of William Rains, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him October 23rd, 1787 in Bourbon County Kentucky; that her husband died in Brown County Ohio January 30, 1837. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 20: On October 29, 1838 in Brown County Ohio, George Edwards gave testimony that Jane Rains, the applicant for a pension is the widow of William Rains; that William died in January 1837; that Jane married him in the month of October 1787 in bourbon County of Ohio. His relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.



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[f p. 41: Certificate dated November 30, 1838 given by the clerk of the Bourbon County Kentucky court stating that records in his office show that William Raines [sic] and Jane Edwards were married on the 23rd of October 1786 by A. Eastin.]

[f p. 14: On August 13, 1855 in Brown County Ohio, Jane Rains, 85, a resident of Huntington Township Brown County of Ohio made application for the bounty land due her as the widow of William Rains, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 23, 1787; that they were married by the Reverend Mr. Easton, a Minister of the Gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Jane Edwards; that her husband died in Brown County Ohio January 20, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]