

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Raper W4569

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State of North Carolina [Nash County]

On this 12th day of August 1822 personally appeared in open Court any court of Record of pleas & quarter Sessions for the County of Nash in the said State Robert Raper & about 65 years old Resident in the said State & about 8 years a citizen in the County of Johnston who being duly first sworn -- According to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit in the company commanded by Captain Fenner [probably, Robert Fenner?] of the 2nd Regiment in the North Carolina Line in the Continental Establishment & afterwards in the Companies commanded by Captains Stewar [sic, probably Charles Stewart] & Evans [Thomas Evans] of the said line for near the whole term of the revolutionary war as set forth in his Declaration of the 13th March 1820 & I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Sworn to in open Court before  
S/ Wm Hall, Clk

S/ Robert Raper, X his mark

[Matthew Peele and John Raper valued the real and personal property of Raper and assigned it a value of no more than \$120.50.]

District order State of North Carolina Nash County

On this 8th day of November 1824 Personally appeared in open Court it being the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions this day held in and for the County of Nash in the State of North Carolina, it being a Court of Record made so by the laws of the said State which have Created it in which have been solemnly adjudged to be so by the tribunals of the several States which proceed according to the Course of the Common law with a jurisdiction on acted in point of amount keeping a Record of their proceedings and which have the power of fine and imprisonment. -- Robert Raper aged 68 years resident in the County of Johnson [sic, Johnston] in the State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Robert Raper enlisted as a soldier

for the term of three years on the 5th of April 1776 & 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the Company Commanded by Edward Veal a recruiting Officer and the United States service and was marched in some short time thereafter with his other recruits to the Town of New Bern in the said State where the said Veal and the other recruiting officers I met and joined their troops together and then proceeded to elect officers and this deponent was drawn or placed in Captain Fenner's Company in the second Regiment which was Commanded by Colonel Martin in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment who was succeeded by Colonel Patton and from thence he was marched by said Captain Fenner any his Company to the City of Charlestown in the State of South Carolina and where he and said Company were stationed for one year, and then marched by said Fenner to the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania where he was placed under the Command of General George Washington where he remained 4 or 5 years. That he was in the Battle at Brandywine, the Battle of Germantown and also in the Battle at Monmouth after which time he was marched back again with the North Carolina Troops to the City of Charlestown in South Carolina where he and the Troops remained under the command of General Lincoln until the said City was taken by the British forces and at which time this deponent was taken a prisoner by the said British Troops where he was kept by them as a prisoner for the space of 2 months, and one day before he got an opportunity to make his escape from them which he done at that time -- and then went his way to Pasquotank County in the State of North Carolina. Soon after which time Peace was declared between the 2 Countries -- that in all he was in the regular service of the United States for the space of 5 years or upwards. That he is a Planter by profession that he is now so old and infirm with pains and weakness that he is not able without the assistance of his country to get a Support -- that he has a wife who is 61 years of age and who is also very infirm and cripple and altogether unable to labor. That he has but one son his name is Henry Raper living with him who is 18 years of age but who by accident had his head mashed by a Will sweep [?] so that he is an invalid and deprived of his reason -- he has a daughter 24 years of age also living with him at times whose name is Elizabeth Raper which is all the family he has -- And he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath as year given and made.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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, being

50 Acres of Land worth	\$50.00
1 Cow & calf ditto	8.00
1 Filley do	15.00
2 Sows and 13 Pigs & 8 Shoats	23.00
6 Sitting chairs	2.00
1 Loom 1 Wheel & pair of cards	3.00
1 Pine Table 2 Pots & 2 Tables	4.00
1 Axe 2 Hoes 3 Plow hoes	4.50
1 Pair Cart wheels & 1 Grind Stove?	8.00

½ Dozen Earthern Plates & 11 Pewter Spoons	1.25
1 Frying pan	<u>.50</u>
Total	\$119.25

S/ Robert Raper, X his mark

[fn p. 5, On August 28, 1838, in Johnston County, NC, Nancy Raper, aged about 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Raper, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$8 per month; that she married her husband April 9, 1783; that her husband died May 8, 1836 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 8: on October 26, 1842, Jesse Simpson, about 65 years old, testified in Wayne County, NC that he married the sister of Mrs. Nancy Raper, widow of Robert Raper; that he has known Robert and Nancy Raper for a space of 50 years; that they all (the Rapers, Simpson and his wife) lived in said County North Carolina; that Robert Raper in his family removed to Wayne County North Carolina and Simpson and his wife removed to Edgecombe County; both families resided in their respective counties for about 5 years then Raper and his family moved to Johnston County and Simpson in his family removed to Nash County; that Nancy Raper died on May 16, 1842; and that Robertson Raper is applying for the pension due his mother, Nancy Raper. The witness signed his name "Jesse Simson."]

[fn p. 15]

State of North Carolina Wayne County

By John A. Green clerk of the court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the most satisfactory evidence has been exhibited at the office of said clerk that Robert Raper was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum was a resident of the County of Wayne & State of North Carolina & died in the said County & State aforesaid on the 8th day of May 1836 that he left a widow Mrs. Nancy Raper who died on the 16th day of May 1842 & that they left only the following named children to wit, Roberson Raper, John Raper & Elizabeth Stansell who are the only children living & surviving the aforesaid Robert & his widow Nancy Raper. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal of said office the 20th day of March A.D. 1843

S/ Jno A. Green, Clk

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that it appears of record in this Office that Robert Raper a private Soldier of the Continental line of this State obtained a warrant for bounty land for 66 months services, amounting to 503 acres, which warrant is No. 3742 and dated in January 1792

Given under my hand this 8th day of December 1842

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Nash County: This day personally appeared before me Bartley Deans Esquire one of the Justices of the peace in and for the aforesaid County William Walton and maketh oath that he was well acquainted with Robert Raper and that he well knows that the said Robert Raper did enlist and serve in the Revolutionary War and in the North Carolina line and that he well knows that the said Robert Raper did enlist and serve for 3 years or during the War.

Sworn to before me the 24th of August A.D. 1820

S/ Bartly Deans, JP

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Micajah Whitley<sup>1</sup> of the County of Wayne & State of North Carolina maketh oath that he knew Robert Raiper [sic, so spelled throughout this affidavit] the declarant herein before mentioned & that he recollects having seen him at the Valley Forge he was then a soldier in Fenner's Company in the 2nd Regiment of North Carolina in the Continental Establishment -- that said Raper was in the Battle at Brandywine, at Germantown and at Monmouth, that the Regiment to which Raper belong, together with the Regiment to which this affiant belonged (the 10th North Carolina) was afterwards sent to the southward & that he & Raper were captured at the fall of Charleston -- that from the time that he knew Raper at Valley Forge, to his capture at Charleston was as much as 4 or 5 years and that said Raper was as this affiant believes continually in the service -- during that time. -- Sworn to in open Court the 29th May 1827

S/ Micajah Whitley, X his mark

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