

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Ray¹ W5655

Nancy

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State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County: Sgt.

On this 10th day of December 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Marmaduke Williams Judge of the Court of the County aforesaid Frederick Ray resident of the State & County aforesaid aged seventy-three years 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That he was born in the County of Brunswick State of Virginia the time not particularly recollected as the family register is lost, but from a calculation of events and constantly keeping in his mind his age each year he believes he was born in the year 1759 – he resided in Brunswick until called into the service of the United States which entered for eight months as a Militia Man, or as one of the State Troops he does not know which, under Colonel Glenn Major his name is not remembered – Captain Thomas Thredgill – Lieutenant & Ensign the names not remembered – From Brunswick they marched to Cheraw Hills where they joined General Greene – at that place a detachment was formed of which your affiant constituted one of 200 men, to go to Little Pedee [River], scouting after the Tories at that place, but few of them however were found and they were marched back to join the main Army when they got back General Greene had left Cheraw, & was on his retreat back to Virginia. The troops to which your affiant belonged were marched to Hillsborough & there took charge of about 200 British prisoners, to be conveyed to Virginia, these prisoners were taken to Pittsylvania old Court-house – At which place your affiant term of service expired, & he was honorably discharged & returned to his home in Brunswick, his discharge was in writing but he has lost the same. In the spring afterwards of the same year, he was drafted for a service of three months, his Captain was Lawrence House, the Lieutenant & Ensign's names not recollected; the Colonel commanding was named Tucker a remarkably large man – This expedition was directed [indecipherable word, something 'wardly' but I can't make either 'eastwardly' or 'westwardly' out of the word written]² to meet the British in Virginia – at Carter's Ferry he was taken sick & placed in a hospital there, while the Army marched and completed the siege of Little York, at which place he would have

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been had it not been for his sickness aforesaid – At Carter's Ferry your affiant was discharged and when well enough returned home, – his discharge was a written one but it is not now in his power to find it. This was all this service he performed during the war. – From Brunswick Virginia shortly after the war was over he removed to North Carolina Iredell County, from there to Hancock County in Georgia – from there to Jasper County in the same State, from there to the State of Alabama Tuscaloosa about 13 years ago at which place he yet resides: he has no documentary evidence of any kind, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, to testify to his service,

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the Agency of any State

S/ Frederick Ray, X his mark

[Thomas A Smith, a clergyman, and Leven Powell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 6: On February 7, 1852 in Tuscaloosa Alabama, Nancy Ray, widow of Frederick Ray, a revolutionary war pensioner filed a claim stating that her husband died in Tuscaloosa County Alabama June 17, 1737 [some 3rd digit written over and unclear]; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Harville; that she was born in Brunswick County Virginia June 11, 1770; that she married her husband in Nottoway County Virginia April 1, 1786; that she and her husband had 14 children, 7 males and 7 females; seven of whom are now living to which Anderson Ray aged about 60 years; Nathaniel Ray aged about 58 years; James Ray aged about 56 years; Frederick Ray aged about 54 years; Martha Ray now Martha Byers aged about 52 years; Mary Ann Ray now Thompson aged 33 years; Jalen Westley Ray aged about 31 years; that when they removed from Virginia, she and her husband lived in North Carolina about 10 years; then moved to Georgia where they resided about 22 years; then removed to Tuscaloosa County Alabama; she filed this claim seeking whatever pension or lands may be due her as a widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 14: On December 20, 1855 in Tuscaloosa County Alabama, Nancy Ray, 95, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Frederick Ray; that she has lost her private family record but that she was married to her husband in Brunswick County in the state of Virginia in May 1774 by one John White, a Baptist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Harvill; that her husband died June 7th, 1838. She signed this application with her mark.]

[f p. 22: On July 12, 1853 in Tuscaloosa County Alabama, Thomas P. Thompson, 41, and David Thompson, 32, gave testimony that they were acquainted with Frederick Ray and his widow Nancy for 20 years prior to the death of Frederick Ray; that the veteran and his wife at one time had a family record which has been destroyed that the names of their children and their ages are as follows: Anderson Ray, the eldest, being about 70 years of age now living in the state of Georgia; Bartlett Ray about 68 years old, he died in Tuscaloosa County Alabama in October 1851; Patsy Ray aged about 66 now residing in Pickens County Alabama; Elizabeth Ray, aged about 60 when she died in Tuscaloosa County Alabama in 1849; Nathaniel Ray, aged about 58 years now living in Tuscaloosa County; James Ray aged about 54 now living in the state of Mississippi; Nancy Ray aged about 50 years and died in Tuscaloosa County in 1845; Catharine Ray aged about 22 when she died in Tuscaloosa County; Frederick Ray aged about 45 years now living in the state of Texas; Reuben aged about 30 when he died in Arkansas; Mary Ann aged about 37 and died July 3rd, 1853 in Tuscaloosa County; John Wesley aged 34 now living in

Tuscaloosa County; Mornew aged about 16 when she died in Tuscaloosa County of many years ago; and Teresa who died in Mississippi in the year 1833.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]