

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ray¹ [Wray] W5658

Patty

f39VA

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[f p. 11]

Georgia Franklin County: SS

On this __ day of March 1824 personally appeared in Open Court for the County of Franklin and State aforesaid being a Court of Record so specially [?] constituted by the laws of the State William Ray aged seventy years and a resident in the aforesaid County of Franklin 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 of March 1818 and the first May 1820 that he the said William Ray enlisted for the term of three years on the sixth day of January 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Cabell in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until January 1780 when he was regularly discharged from said service in the State of Maryland at Frederick Town by Colonel Bluford [Abraham Buford?] which discharge is lost. That he was in the perpetual cannonading of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] – that he was on the battleground at Monmouth [June 28, us 1778] and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath and the accompanying affidavit of William Aaron.

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 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

50 acres of land my wife's lifetime	\$100
2 plows	2
2 hoes one ax 1 mattock 1 wedge	4
½ Doz. knives & forks do spoons	2
1 pail 1 tub 3 plates 1 dish 1 pitcher	4
	\$112

My family consists of my wife aged 50 years healthy

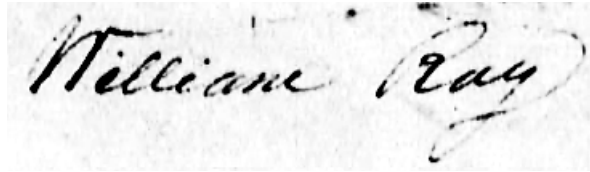
My occupation a farmer two children Pleasant [?]² 18 years of age healthy a son John 16 years of

¹ BLWt6446-160-55

age not very healthy

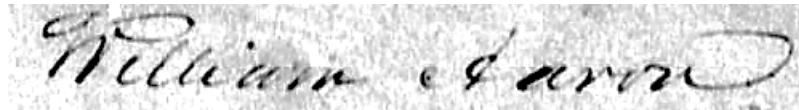
Sworn to and declared on the 3rd day of March 1824 in open Court.

S/ William Ray



Georgia Franklin County: Personally came and appeared in open Court William Aaron³ who being duly sworn deposed & saith that the declarant entered in the service at the time & place declared [?] that this deponent entered the service at the same time in the same Army that this deponent remained in the Army about nine months when deponent left the Army on furlough and declarant remained with the Army & deponent believes declarant performed the services declared. Sworn to & subscribed the 3rd day of March 1824.

S/ William Aaron



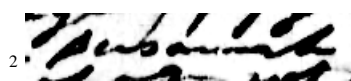
[f p. 23: There is a printed form claim dated March 7, 1824 filed by William Ray in which he states he is 64 years old a resident of Franklin County and that he served 3 years in the Virginia Continental line commencing on the 5th day of January 1777 in Amherst County Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Samuel Cabell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan when he joined it and that he was discharged in January 1780.]

[f p. 7: On July 23, 1853 in Captain union County Georgia, John Ray, 46, made application as the Guardian of Pattey Ray, widow of William Ray, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that William Ray died at his home in Franklin County Georgia April 6, 1833; that Pattey Ray he married William in Oglethorpe County Georgia on or about March 13, 1805; that they were married by J. L. Hardiman, JP; that Pattey's name prior to her marriage was Patty Willson; that there are now living to children of William and Pattey Ray whose names are John and Succa Ray; that he claims the pension due Pattey Ray under the 1853 act; that she is deaf and dumb and requires a Guardian. He signed his application with his mark.]

[f p. 16: On March 19, 1855 in Fannin County Georgia John Ray a resident of Fannin County Georgia Guardian of Patty Ray widow of William Ray filed for her bounty land entitlement based on the services of her husband in the revolutionary war. He signed his application with his mark.]

[f p. 36: Bible record:

"William Wray [sic] and Pattey Willson was married on the 13th day of March A. D. 1804, in Oglethorpe County Georgia By J. S. Hardiman, Esquire"]



³ [William Aaron W10287](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing month November 8, 1824, for service for 3 years as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]