

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

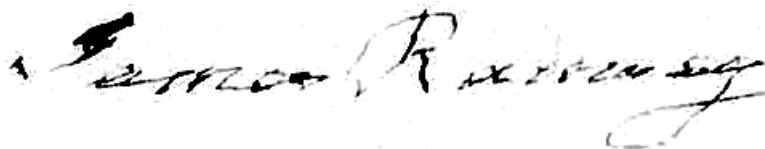
Pension application of James Ramsey (Ramsay)¹ W8541 Frances Ann f63VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 6/4/12

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Kentucky Washington County: On this 23rd of July 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of said County James Ramsey a resident Citizen of said County aged Seventy-one years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 6th of June 1832 [sic, June 7th, 1832] – saith that he resided in Cumberland and Buckingham Counties Virginia in the time of the Revolution that he was on for several tours of militia duty in said Revolution all in cases of [indecipherable word]² and of short duration probably not exceeding 3 or 4 weeks at a time the last of which was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. That early in the year 1782 he enlisted for the Period of three years in Armand's Corps and was in the company commanded by Captain Le Brunn or Le Brown [probably Captain Le Brun de Bellecoeur] that he faithfully served in said Corps until November 1783 when he was honorably discharged at Little York Pennsylvania that he received a land Warrant from the State of Virginia for one hundred acres of land where his discharge was sent – he says that he never at any time received one dollar of pay for all the service rendered by him – that he is bounty money is the only money Compensation ever received by him at any time that he is not now on the Pension Roll of the US or of any State and that he hereby relinquishes all claim to a Pension or annuity except the present. Sworn and subscribed the day and year of the above.

S/ James Ramsey

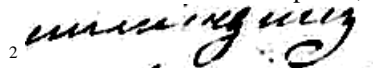


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State of Kentucky Marion County Sct.

This day James Ramsey made oath before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid that he enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the United States on the second day of March 1782 for the term of three years and served until November 1783 at which time he was regularly discharged by Colonel Armong, in which discharge was set forth that he was

¹ BLWt1503-100 Issued Apr. 28, 1829, No papers

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entitled to all the benefits due to the soldiers of the Continental line – that he was to have \$16 bounty and \$8 per month.

Sworn & subscribed this 30th day of June 1837 before me.

S/ James Ramsey

[Note: Facts in file: Veteran married late in 1784, place not stated, Frances Ann __, who was born January 17, 1765; she was allowed her pension under application dated March 18, 1843; the veteran died and Marion County Kentucky June 16, 1840; the veteran and his widow had the following children:

Jeremiah born March 21, 1786

Elizabeth born December 21, 1787

William born May 30, 1790

Alexander F. born May 15, 1792

James born March 25, 1794

Mildred born April 7, 1796

Frances Hill born August 7, 1798

Salley born August 24, 1800

Thomas born December 5, 1802.

In addition, there are records in the file indicating that the following grandchildren were born, but their parents not indicated: Wesley Ramsey born April 15, 1819 and James Ramsey, Junior born October 15 1820.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$83.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of cavalry for one year & 8 months in the Virginia service. His pension was increased from \$50 per annum. His widow was pensioned in a like amount, i.e. \$83.33 per annum.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection of documents relating to bounty land claims honored by that state contains the following document which he is that the discharge referred to by the veteran in his application:

THIS is to certify that *James Ramsey* in the *First Partisan Legion*, under my Command, has served *to this Day*, is hereby discharged from the Service of the *United States*, in Pursuance of Orders received from the Commander in Chief, bearing Date the third instant.

I farther certify that *James Ramsey* is intitled to

Resolution of Congress, of the 13th February, 1779, to the *Benefit* that have been, or hereafter shall be, granted by the said States to Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers of the said Line.

Given under my Hand and Seal at *York Town*, this *30th* Day of *November*, 1783.

James M. Smith Brigadier General.
Entered in the Books of the Legion.

Attest.
James M. Smith
Adjutant of the Legion.