

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Ramsey W8542                      Martha Ramsey                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 26 Jan 2021.

State of Kentucky

Garrard County Sct.

I Francis Ramsey of the County of Rockcastle Ky. aged sixty seven or thereabouts, do hereby declare that in the latter part of the year 1779, I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Revolution, for and during the War, and served to the end of the same. That I was enlisted by an officer in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Abraham Buford [S46372] that my Capn. in s'd. Regiment was by the name of Andrew Wallace [BLWt543-300], who was killed near me at the Battle of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781], that he was in the battle at Camden Commanded by Gen'l. Green [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781, commanded by Gen. Nathanael Greene] afterward under Capn. [John] Marks [W4542], that he was at the Seige of 96 [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and also at the battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], and that afterward he was attached to Col. Lees Light Infantry [infantry in Henry Lee's Legion], commanded mostly by Maj'r. Ric'd. Eccleston [sic: Maj. Joseph Eggleston W8687], that he served in that Infantry until the end of the War, and was honorably discharged by s'd. R. Eccleston in George Town [Georgetown] South Carolina, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1783 and that his discharge is long since lost but that he has a perfect recollection of the day. That he has never applied for or rec'd. his commutation pay, not knowing he was entitled to any. That he has drawn no pension and never applied for any either from the General Government of any state Court. In whereof he has herewith set his hand & seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Novr. 1830

Francis Ramsey

This to Certify that Francis Ramsey was returned to me by Sergeant Hatcher In the early part of the year 1780 as reenlisted for three years or during the war, said Ramsey is now with me he has satisfied me that he continued and served in the southern army to the end of the war I am therefore induced to believe that he was inlisted for the war being in a list of names [not found] I am now forwarding to the Secretary of Treasury wherein he is return'd as reenlisted for three years or during the war

Given under my hand in Scott County Kentucky

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1830

A Buford late a Col in the Virg'a line

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Francis Ramsey was substituted July 1779 for eighteen months, before the Expiration of that time he reenlisted for the war & was in my Detachment in South Carolina June 1781 and it appears from a furlow from Major Eggleston of Colo Lees legion, that he was in Service & obtain'd s'd furlow June 1783. Given under my hand Nov'r 5 1783                      Samuel Hawes Lt Colo [BLWt1066-450]  
a Copy J. Pendleton Jr

NOTE: On 3 Nov 1843 Martha Ramsey, over 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Francis Ramsey about 28 May 1788, and he died 26 Dec 1842.. As proof of marriage she submitted a family record mostly written by Francis Ramsey in a Bible and transcribed below. It was certified by her nephew, Francis Ramsey, Jr., 53, who also stated that Martha Ramsey had been crippled for some time from a fall from a horse. On 5 July 1844 when about 77, and on 30 Jan 1845 when about 78, Martha Ramsey applied for a pension under a later act.

Francis Ramsey was born December the 17 1764

Martha Ramsey was born may the 20 1768

And we was married may the 28 1788

James Ramsey was born Febury the 20 1789

Elisebeth A Ramsey was born July the 4 1790  
Richard A Ramsey was born Febury the 25 1792  
Daniel F Ramsey was born September 15 1794  
And Salley the same Day  
Harriott P Ramsey was born July the 23 1798  
Nancy P Ramsey was born June the 25 1801  
Francis A Ramsey was born may the 5 1803  
William Ramsey was born August the 4 1805  
Allen Ramsey was born December the 14 1809  
Nancy P Rogers Departed this Live November the 4 1827 Leving 4 babes behind Sunday morning 10  
Clock  
martha Ramsey was born April the 15 1796  
Lethe Ramsey was born July the 20 1797  
Lusany Ramsey was born December the 7 1807 ["7" written over "8"]  
[The following line illegible but transcribed from the declaration:]  
Jack Ramsey Departed this life March the 30 1835  
Elisebeth A Ramsey Departed this Life Decb the 15 1807  
Lusany Ramsey Departed this Life Jany the 12 1808  
Salley Parsons Depat this Life 1816  
Nancy P Rogers dept this Life November the 4 1827  
William Ramsey Departed this Life April the 7 [1840] and his wife the 13 1840  
T. Ramsey wife Martha Ramsey Departed this Life August the 25 1842