Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lawrence Raynes (Raines) R8623 Mary f30VA Transcribed by Will Graves 6/9/12

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[f p. 14]

State of Virginia and County of Rockingham to wit:

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham County now sitting Lawrence Raynes, a resident of the County of Augusta, and State of Virginia aged about 72 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 June 7th 1832.

I Lawrence Raynes of Augusta County do hereby make the following declaration, I was born (I have understood from my parents, for not being able to read or write they had no written family record) in Culpeper County in Virginia, and am now I suppose about 72 years of age, – as nearly as I can judge – I lived in Orange County when I first entered into the militia service of the United States, I was drafted in the first call that was made upon Orange County for militia, – I do not remember in what year it was, – but I served under Captain George Waugh, and Colonel Thomas Barbour (the father Colonel James & Judge Phil Barbour) – The service was performed below Richmond principally in the neighborhood of Williamsburg. This tour was of three months, and I was not in any engagement during it with the enemy. I do not know of any person now living who served in that tour with me and I have not been in Orange for more than 20 years. My second Tour was of three months under Captain John Rush of Rockingham, & was principally performed near Richmond Virginia we were encamped on Bacon Creek just above Richmond. – In this tour I served with Mr. Thomas Lewis (whose deposition is hereto annexed) and John Pence Senior of Rockingham – My third tour was also of three months served under Captain George Huston of Rockingham & was performed principally in that part of the State roundabout Williamsburg¹—It was a very severe and laborious duty, as we were for most of the time almost constantly marching & generally in the neighborhood of the enemy. - In this tour I was into actions with the British. The first at Hot water, and the other at James Town. In the first action our Brigade was commanded by Colonel John Willis, – and in the second the Marquis de Lafayette was our commander in Chief. - In this tour Mr. Thomas Lewis was one of the Officers in our Company. I think one William Davis was Lieutenant but Mr. Lewis oftener acted as such. - Immediately after I returned home, after the above service, I volunteered again, and went back under Captain Richard Ragan & served at the siege of York, and was there at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. – I do not remember how long I was in service this tour - though I went for three months and staid until I was discharged, and in addition to the

¹ The text in italics is missing from the digital images as displayed on Fold3.com but can't be found in the digital images displayed by HeritageQuest.com.

four regular tours, I served one under Captain Baxter of Rockingham, as a member of company to guard a number of Hessian Prisoners from Harrisburg to Winchester Virginia – and in the summer after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis I served another tour of three months under Captain William Smith (who commanded the company as far as Tygarts Valley [Tygart Valley] when becoming sick he returned home, & the company was commanded by Neil Cain). This expedition was to the West Fork of the Monongahela [River] against the Indians. – I served this tour in the place of my brother Richard Raynes who was drafted, but being in bad health & the Captain refusing to admit that he was unfit for duty, & he being unable to hire a substitute I voluntarily & without any compensation from him, he took his place & served his tour – This is to the best of my recollection a faithful statement of my services, and – that being no scholar, not able to write and only able to read a little in print, I cannot remember dates – I was drafted for times, the is the 1st & 2nd & 3rd tours, & to guard the Hessian Prisoners – volunteered once when Cornwallis was taken, and once took the place of my brother who was drafted – I think I served between 15 & 18 months in all – though I cannot say positively how long it was – I do not remember how long I was under Baxter – and perhaps I may have been discharged before my three months expired after Cornwallis was taken, but I am certain that I entered in service five times for three months each, and that I served every time until the company I belonged to was regularly discharged. – Of the Continental officers who acted with the troops I served with, I remember Colonel Dark – Colonel Willis – General Muhlenberg – Marquis Lafayette & General Washington, – I do not remember that I ever got any written discharge – I remember several persons now living that I served with, as Christopher Ammon² – James Meadows³ – John Taylor⁴ – John Pence⁵ – Colonel Rush, ⁶ & others who are now living, but I have not been able to see any of them except Mr. Thomas Lewis (whose testimony is hereto annexed) as I am too old and infirm (being scarcely able to walk from a very bad rupture) to walk in order to get their testimony, and too poor to procure any mode of conveyance.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Signed

S/ Lawrence Raynes, X his mark

I Thomas Lewis Senior of Rockingham County in Virginia do hereby certify that I distinctly remember that Lawrence Raynes did serve a tour of militia duty as he states, under Captain John Rush – the service was performed in the year 1778 I think and also, a tour as he states under Captain George Huston (in 1781) These facts I do know as I was with him in both those tours – and I remember that Captain Ragan did go into the service at the time Raynes speaks of – I also remember of a company from this County being ordered out to the Monongahela & believe under the command of Captain Smith about the time Raynes speaks of. Given under my hand this 5 October 1832.

S/ Thos. Lewis

² Christopher **Ammon** S8025

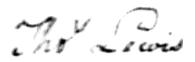
³ FPA S8895

⁴ John **Taylor** S7682

⁵ John **Pence** W5511

⁶John **Rush** R9090

⁷ Thomas Lewis S7138



[f p. 12: On August 30, 1839 in Rockingham County Virginia, Mary Raynes, 73, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Lawrence Raynes, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the month of September 1782; that her husband died July 18th, 1837. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 3: On July 4, 1840 in Rockingham County James Meadows, 78, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the Lawrence and Mary Raynes; that Mary's maiden name was Mary Knight; that he knows they were married a short time after the revolutionary war; that he was well acquainted with their children the oldest, a son being 56 or 57 years of age.]

[Note: A note in the file indicates that the widow's application was rejected because "proof of marriage wanting and date of widows deceased and names of living children."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service.]