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Ramsey James

R. 8570

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My sisters Jane married a man by the name of Harris
and is living in Texas Mary the youngest of the fam-
ily married a man by the name of Shaver they live
in Missouri - From what I have written you will
learn that your Brothers and Sisters with one excep-
tion have gone to the grave and soon we must
go and the places which know us now will know
us no more for ever - Dear Uncle let us wisely
~~not~~ that we may be able to render up our account
with joy and not with grief you must feel that you
are on the border or near it and must in a short
time close your eyes on all transitory things -
I hope you are prepared by the grace of God for an
entrance into his heavenly Kingdom -
Your family I know nothing of but would
be happy to form an acquaintance with them and
keep up a correspondence - I wish you to write
on the reception of this giving a full account
of your family for I know nothing about them
and therefore can say nothing to them more
than this - give my best respects to them many
or few

I subscribe myself yours
in love

J. A. Kempsey

Sugar Creek April 25th

1853

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April 25/53

Dear Uncle James - I received in
letter from cousin Rufus Ramsay one
part of one from you or your son -
It was truly news to me to hear that you
were in the land of the living - for I with others
of your relations have written to you without
receiving any answer - You wish to know
how long your Father and Mother have been
dead also their age - Grand Mother has been dead
about thirty years her age was sixty two and
grand Father about eighteen his age was ninety
one or he was in his ninety first year -
My Father has been dead three years he died
in his seventy seventh year - Your Brothers
and sisters are all dead except Uncle Robert
Uncle William died some years before Father
Uncle George has been dead near two years -
Cunts have all been dead several years and
Uncles now are all ^{gone} Uncle James Good the last
a few weeks back - My Cousins that are living
with the exception of one in California a daughter
of Uncle Williams, are in this State and doing pret-
ty well. My Brothers John Norris and Stanhope
live in this neighbourhood the farthest seven
miles Oswald and William are dead.

Highland Madison County June 25

1855 Dear Uncle I received yours of the 16 of May which gave me ^{the} pleasing intelligence of your well fare and that of your family. I recollect seeing you a few times in my boyhood of your family I know nothing I wish you to write me the number of your family and whether they are all with you or not. and if not where they are I would be happy to form an acquaintance with them. I and my wife are well so are my brothers and their families, with the rest of our relations in this vicinity. Mrs Elizabeth Gingles sends her respects to you she was a daughter of Wm. Berry's her brother Abner went to school with you I think there is no person else here with whom you are acquainted.

I have attended to your business I got the advice a lawyer who is in the land office in Edwardsville and then got the clerk to write all that he considered necessary in the case. There is no person living here now that was personally acquainted with Grand Father in our land or in the Revolution.

The Clerk's fee was seventy-five cents, the Lawyer I had some other business with, his fee will be but a trifle. If you get anything you can send me what I have to pay if nothing I want nothing. Give my respects to your family.

I remain your affectionate
Nephew
L. H. Ramsay

State of Illinois

1857.

Madison County, August Term of County Court
sitting as a Court of Probate.
Present Hon. Henry K. Eaton County Judge
& John A. Prickett Clerk.

Edwardsville Friday August 14: 1857.

And now at this day the Court hears the testimony of James A. Ramsay & James M. Craig the first of whom is about 62 years of age and said Craig about 53 years of age, both credible witnesses and good & reliable men of said County; their evidence shows that James Ramsay grandfather of said James A. Ramsay, removed from South Carolina to Madison County, Illinois Territory about the year 1816, where he continued to reside until his death in 1832. that said James Ramsay was in the 91st year of his age when he died - that in his lifetime he often spoke of having been a soldier in what is called the Revolutionary war; in the presence of one or both of said witnesses he frequently mentioned incidents of the war, such as his having been at what was called the Battle of the "Hanging Rock", of very many skirmishes with the British and Tories, and mentioned many places & battles in which he was engaged as an American Soldier their names not now recollected by the witnesses. It also appears clear from the testimony that the numerous family & family connections of said James Ramsay always understood that said James Ramsay was engaged in the American Service most of the time of said war, and was rarely at home. The father of said James A. Ramsay often remarked that said James Ramsay was in the service throughout the war, and was only

occasionally at home. The witnesses do not remember having heard the said James Ramsay state as to the time he served, but they are satisfied from what they have heard the older members of the family say, that the said James Ramsay must have been some years in said service.

The Evidence of said James A Ramsay and James M Craig further proves that Mary M. Falls Ramsay, wife of said James Ramsay came with her husband to Illinois as before written in 1816, and died in Madison County State of Illinois on the 20th day of April A^d 1823 (1823).

State of Illinois

Madison County, P. J. John A Prickett Clerk of the County Court of said County Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy & exemplification of the record of the proceedings in the case as therein set forth, as will fully appear reference being had to the files & records of my office - Given under my hand and

the seal of said Court at
office Edwardsville said county
this 14th day of August A^d
1854.

J. A. Prickett Clerk.

No
1001
James Ramsey
Dec^r. Ga

1832

Rejected

State of Georgia. 3
Wabasham County. 3 S.S.

On this 27th day of September 1853. Personally appeared in open court before the Court of Ordinary at a call Term now sitting James Ramsey a resident of said County and State aged seventy five 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 7. 1832.

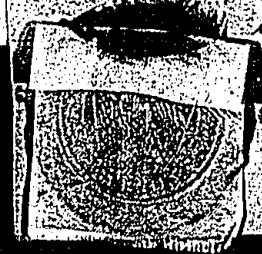
That he is the son of James Ramsey who often informed him that he performed a great deal of service in the Revolutionary war in the State of South Carolina and has shown him three Indents which he said he received for his services in said war. Affiant also further says that he has reasons from the above facts to believe that he served as an officer and private but does not recollect that he ever heard him say in what capacity he served that he the said James Ramsey died on the 30th day of February 1832 in the State of Illinois and that he affiant applies for the Pension due him at his death he and Robert Ramsey being the only surviving heirs there being no widow. His lady relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid and I hereby certify that I am not interested in the result of this case nor concerned in its prosecution.

W. H. Sutton Ordinary

James Ramsey

I Cicero H. Sutton Clerk Ex officio of the Court of Ordinary do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of James Ramsey for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereunto



Set my hand and seal of office this 27th day of September 1853 and I certify that I am not interested in the result of this case nor concerned in its prosecution
Cicero H. Sutton Ex officio C. O.

January 8, 1934

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Mr. George R. Meyer
Office of Senior High School
18" & E Streets
San Bernardino, California

JAMES RAMSEY
R. 8570
RA-J/MLB

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of a soldier with surname Ramsey, given name probably James, who served as quartermaster or bugler from a southern state and whose parents were of Georgia.

With the data furnished by you it has not been possible to determine definitely the record of the particular soldier in whom you may be interested. The record of one James Ramsey has been found which may be of interest to you. It is given below as found in pension claim, R. 8570, based upon the Revolutionary War service of James Ramsey.

The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not shown in the claim. He resided in York County, South Carolina, until the fall of 1815 when he moved to Madison County, Territory of Illinois.

The soldier died February 20, 1838, at the age of ninety years, at the home of his son (name not designated), in Madison County, Illinois, where he was buried.

James Ramsey married, date not stated, Mary McFalls, who died April 20, 1833, in Madison County, Illinois, at the age of sixty-two years.

James Ramsey and his wife, Mary, had ten children whose names follow: John, Thomas, James, Polly, Catharine, William, Robert, Isabella, George who died about 1851, and Rachel. The only surviving children in 1835 were James, the third child, then a resident of Habersham County, Georgia, and Robert a resident of Giles County, Tennessee.

On September 27, 1853, while residing in Haberaham County, Georgia, with post office at Clarkesville in that county, soldier's son, James Ramsey aged seventy-five years, who lived with his father until twenty-five years of age, applied in behalf of himself and his brother, Robert, for the pension that may have been due on account of the Revolutionary War service of his father, James Ramsey, to whom he referred as Captain Ramsey.

He alleged that James Ramsey, the soldier, resided at the time of the Revolution and prior to that time in York County, South Carolina, and that he served in that war as a private and officer in the South Carolina militia, but gave no other details of his service. It was stated that the soldier was in the battle of Hanging Rock and many skirmishes with the British.

His claim was not allowed as there was no provision of the law under which a child of this soldier was entitled to pension.

In 1857, soldier's son, James Ramsey, was still a resident of Haberaham County, Georgia, with post office at Duane.

In 1853, soldier's grandson, James A. Ramsey (as he signed his surname), and his wife, name not given, were residents of Madison County, Illinois, with post office at Highland, same county; he stated that his father, whose name he did not designate, had died three years before, in his seventy-seventh year; in 1857, James A. Ramsey was aged about sixty-two years and referred to his brothers: John Norris and Stanhope then living in Madison County, Illinois, and to Oswald and William both dead; also to sisters, Jane, who married one Harris and then residing in Texas, and Mary, the youngest, who married one Shaver and then a resident of the State of Missouri. He also referred to an uncle, James Good; who had died a few weeks before, and to cousins (names of their parents not designated) who were living in Illinois, also to a daughter of soldier's brother, William, then living in California (her name not given).

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator