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Hon J. Minot,
Commr of Pensions

I enclose, herewith, the declaration & evidence
of service of Thomas Ramsey, of Virginia act 1832, also the
Certificate of showing the day of the death of said
Thomas Ramsey, the appointment of Administrator
and names of surviving children, I ask a speedy
Examination of the case

I am very Respectfully
Yours

A. H. Markland

Know all men by these presents that we Joseph
Eddo and Theodorick Ramey, are held and firmly bound
unto William Byrd Esquire Governor of Virginia
in the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars to which
payment value of well and truly to be made to the
said Governor and his Successors. We bind ourselves
and each of us, our heirs and each of our heirs Executors
and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by
these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this 17th

1847

The condition of the above obligation is such
that whereas the above bound Joseph Eddo hath this
day obtained from the Clerk of the County Court of
Franklin a license for his intermarriage with James
C. Ramey of this County. Now if there shall be
no lawful cause to obstruct this said marriage
then this obligation to be void otherwise in full
force and effect.

Witness
my hand

Joseph Eddo 
Theodorick A. Ramey 

State of Virginia,
County of Franklin } To wit.

I Robert A. Scott Clerk of the
County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid
do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the
bond executed by Joseph Eddo upon his obtaining a
license for his intermarriage with James C. Ramey,
which said bond is now on file in my office. And
I further certify that there is no other record or return
on file in my said office of the marriage of the
said Joseph Eddo and James C. Ramey. And
I do also further certify that at a Court held for the
said County of Franklin at the Courthouse on the 2nd day
of January 1846 On the motion of Joseph Eddo
who made oath and gave bond and security con-

<i>Joseph Eddis, Administrator of the Mary Ann Eddis Disposition for a Pension</i> <i>1871</i>	<i>1871</i>
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On this 1st day of February in the year A. D. 1854 before the County Court of the said County, now sitting, personally appeared Joseph Edils a resident of said County, aged _____ years, who being first duly sworn according to law makes the following Declaration on oath in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 7th June 1832 viz:

That he is the Administrator of Thomas Ramsey, deceased, who was a Revolutionary Soldier, and resident of said County. That he has been informed that said Thomas Ramsey was engaged in the service of the United States or Colonies in the war of the Revolution, and served in the Virginia Militia in said war for about two years and six months as follows: That in the latter part of the year 1778 or first part of the year 1779 when General Mathews fleet and army was expected to invade the Chesapeake and James River Country, and the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg and Richmond, the Militia were called out, and he volunteered for a tour of service, and marched to the protection of the cities and country on tide waters, which was kept in a constant state of alarm, by the threats of invasion, by the British who had uncontrolled command of the Chesapeake and the navigable streams that entered into General Mathews expedition did not reach the State as early as was expected, but appeared in the Chesapeake in the spring of the year, when he established himself at Portsmouth, and from that point sent out his forces, by land & water, to sack the towns, murder and plunder the defenseless inhabitants, and destroy with fire and sword, every article of property, that he could not carry off. He has often heard Thomas Ramsey tell of his having marched to Portsmouth with the militia which was collected as speedily as possible, and sent to drive Mathews from his position: and of the calamitous condition of such of the inhabitants of the tide water country, as had not been able to fly at his approach. He said the British plundered every thing of value - burnt their houses, with their contents and drove off their stock of every kind, or shot them down, in their presence. He said he had often wept at witnessing the sufferings and destitution of women & children, whose houses had been burnt, and they plundered of every thing. The soldiers had to strip the clothing off their own backs, to cover the nakedness of these poor women. He declares that he has often heard the deceased Thomas Ramsey say that he then resided in the County of Pittsylvania, in the State of Virginia, and when about the latter part of 1778 - or first part of the year 1779, a portion of the Militia were called out to march to meet the invaders, he volunteered his services, at the place of Rendezvous called "The Meadow Mill" in said County, for a period of not less than 6 months, and that he served for said term of 6 months, as a private in a company commanded by one Captain Roberts, of Pittsylvania, in a Battalion commanded by Colonel Jones. That having faithfully performed the 6 months term of service he was discharged and returned home, in proof of which, he (the declarant) refers to the certificate of Captain Smith, here with annexed, & to other proofs herewith presented.

That from what he has heard the said Ramsey say, & his life time, and from the information of others who have often conversed with him he has heard and truly believes, that he again entered the service, and served as follows: in the year 1780 when the British were invading the Southern States and carrying on a barbarous war in South & North Carolina, & Georgia threatening

the subjugation of the whole Country - Soldiers were again called for, and a very heavy draft was made, at the Rendezvous called "The widow M. Daniels", from the Pennsylvania Militia, early in that year (it is believed in February) who were held in readiness, to join such forces as it was, with undertakers and reported, would be marched from the North, under the command of experienced officers. The draft was made, and the soldiers were placed under the command of Captain William Dix and John Wilson and Perkins and Col. under whom they were marched to the Lower Country for the purpose of being armed, and prepared to join the Northern Army, whenever it should arrive, on its march South. He joined those troops, being then under the command of Captain William Dix and Col.

and Brigadier General Stephens. He was present in the unfortunate action at Camden South Carolina, Maj Gen. Gates being commander in chief, where the Virginia Militia, harassed by sickness (dysentery) and worn down by marching through the pestilential swamps of that country, and nearly famished for the want of food, found themselves suddenly confronted by the flower of the British Army, led by Lord Cornwallis, and supplied with every supply. They were unable to withstand the shock of the battle. They broke, and fled from the field. A portion of them were rallied, and Thos. Ramsey among them, and were marched to a place, in Halifax Va, where there was a Commissary store, and a Rendezvous for troops. That place was near Dan River, but its name is forgotten. There they remained a considerable time, in the most miserable condition - their clothing having nearly all dropped off of them: at length they were ordered to march to a place then in Halifax, now in Pennsylvania, called "old Town", and being on the route they were overtaken at Ranciter River, in Halifax, by an Express Rider, sent by Gen. Lafayette, by whose orders they were discharged for that tour, about the 1st of Sept. or the 1st October, having then been in service upwards of nine months. It is believed that Thomas Ramsey, discharged the duties of a Sergeant during this tour, as he was often spoken of under the appellation of "Sergeant Ramsey".

That the said Thomas Ramsey, as he has very often heard him say, when he was in the army, and as he verily believes to be true, also served a third tour of duty under William Dix - a patriot and gallant officer, who, when the war was carrying on the war, (after the defeat at Camden) in North Carolina, after a call was made for troops, to join General Green, who had been sent by General Washington to take command of the Army, dispersed forth and volunteered, with a company of about 80 men, who volunteered under him, and joined General Green's Army in the County of Halifax Va. Thos. Ramsey volunteered under Capt. Dix, who marched with Gen. Green into North Carolina, and was with him, and fought bravely, under the immediate command of Gen. Lawson, at the battle of Guilford on the 15th March 1781. That the said Sergeant Ramsey, continued with the Army, until the 30th day of that month, when he was discharged, at a place called Ramseys Mills, in North Carolina, where Gen. Green halted his army, and declared pursuing the retreating Army of Cornwallis any farther. His last tour could not have been less than 3 months - so that, adding the three services together, the said Thomas Ramsey, served, as a Sergeant, not less than the term of 18 months. Viz from 1st Sept. 1778 till 16th June 1779 as a

Holston, as is proved by the Certificate of Capt Jno Smith, hereto attached
- 1st Four - from 1st January 1780 till September 1780 - 9 months, of which
proof will be furnished, and presented herewith. And also as a Sergeant

3^d Four - from 1st Jan'y 1781 till 30th March 1781 - proved by Jno. Pichard
hereto annexed.

Hee (the aforesaid Joseph Eddo) further declares that the said Thomas Ramsey
Deceased, died at his own home, in the County of Franklin Vis, on the 24th day
of October 1844 - and that he has often heard him speak of his revolutionary
services; of the accidents & narrow escapes from death, by starvation, and the
British bullets. Hee often expressed his intention to apply for a Pension - & for
Pension Lands, but he was getting old and infirm, and kept putting it off
from time to time, till death sealed his lips; but he put it off, principally, he believes,
because he was separated from almost all of his old comrades, and because
the "Oath of allegiance" and the two Certificates, of Capt Smith, & Capt Dix
were mislaid, and supposed to have been lost. But he declares that they
were recently found, among some old papers of his father, by his son,
Theodore A Ramsey, in whose possession they were, and were delivered
to him on the day of March 1853.

Hee further declares that after the termination of the service above mentioned
Thomas Ramsey did reside in the following named Counties Viz In Pileylvania
in said State of Virginia &c, and that he finally died in Franklin
24th day of October in the year 1844, leaving no widow surviving him, but that
he left the following named children surviving him, Viz, Healey Ramsey, now
dead, leaving children in Pileylvania 2^d Theodore A Ramsey of Franklin,
3^d Elizabeth Ramsey, married Salisbury Williams, & residing in State of Missouri
4th Frances L Ramsey - married Joseph Eddo, the declarant, now residing in the
County of Franklin.

Hee further declares that the name of the said Thomas Ramsey is not
on the Pension List of any Agency whatever - that as his Administrator, he relinquish
his every other claim to Pension - that this is the first and only application ever made
in his name, and that as his legal Administrator, he now applies for whatever Pensions
may have been due said Thomas Ramsey, from 1st March 1781 to 24th October
1844 for the benefit of his surviving children above mentioned.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid, and it is hereby certified that
the Declarant, Joseph Eddo is a resident of the said County, and is worthy of
credit.

Joseph Eddo
J. M. Taliaferro J.P. and
Chairman of Court.

Also, personally appeared in open Court Michael Giger and Samuel Sollen
two reputable residents of the said County, who being duly sworn according to law, declare
that they personally knew Thomas Ramsey as a late Revolutionary soldier and resident of said
County, that he was universally regarded as a Revolutionary soldier, in the community in which
he lived, and served in the Revolution, as it was believed at least 2 years and 1 month, they de-
clare that the said Thomas Ramsey died in said County, on 24th day of October 1844 - that
he left no widow, but did leave the following named children surviving him, viz Healey
Ramsey - (now dead) Theodore A Ramsey, now residing in Franklin - Elizabeth Ramsey, now
married Salisbury Williams & now residing in Missouri, and Frances L Ramsey, married to Joseph

and now residing in the County of Franklin: and that their knowledge of Thomas Ramsey's death, was acquired in the following manner because they were near neighbors

and they declare that they are disinterested *Wm. Myer*

Chas. E. Potter
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid, and *Chas. E. Potter* certified by said Court that M. G. G. and *Chas. E. Potter* who have given the foregoing Affidavits are residents of said County, and reputable persons; that their statements are worthy of credit, and the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after investigating the matter, that Thomas Ramsey did was a Revolutionary ^{war} and served as has been stated by the aforesaid Administrator.

R. M. Salafino J. P. and
Chairman of Court

Franklin Co. N.Y.
County of Franklin & To wit:

J. Robert A. Smith Clerk
of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that at a Court held for the said County on the 6th day of February 1854, the declaration of Joseph Eads Administrator of Thomas Ramsey d. s. was made in open Court and that the affidavits of *William Myer* and *Charles E. Potter* were also made in open Court - and I further certify that *Richard M. Salafino* is chairman of the said Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of the said Court this 6th day of February A.D. 1854 in the 78th year of the Commonwealth.

R. A. Smith

County of Franklin