

War of 1812 widow's pension application of Martha Adams Rainwater, 11 Jun  
1878, Brenham, TX, from William Rainwater

State of Georgia, County of Green

On this twenty-first day of January A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-one, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and state aforesaid, Martha Rainwater, aged 55 years, a resident of Green County in the State of Georgia, who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of John Rainwater deceased who was a Private in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Morehead (a volunteer company) in the Battalion commanded by Major John McMillan in the Second Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers commanded by Col. Reuben Nash in the War with the Creek Indians (in the British War) declared by the United States on the 18th of June 1812. That her said husband volunteered in Pendleton (now Anderson) District, South Carolina on or about the last of 1813 or the first of 1814 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months and was honorably discharged at Fort Hawkins Georgia about the first day of August 1814 having received a written discharge which was burnt with his dwelling in 1836. The fact of his honorable discharge will appear by the muster roll of said company.

She further states that she was married to the said John Rainwater in Pendleton District, South Carolina on the 14th day of March A. D. 1815 by M. Collins, a preacher, and that her name before her said marriage was Martha Adams and that her said husband died in Green County Georgia on the 24th day of July A. D. 1836, and that she is still a widow, that if there be any record of her marriage she doesn't know it unless it be in Pendleton District, South Carolina.

She makes this declaration for the purposes of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the Act passed September 28th 1850 and she hereby appoints Dr. D. Cooper her agent to obtain her Bounty Land Warrant.

Martha Rainwater

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

B. E. Spencer, J. P.

State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Personally appeared Samuel Bowen and Polly Bowen before me and made oath that they were personally acquainted with John Rainwater and also Martha Adams; that they were married on or about the 14th day of March 1815 and that they lived together as man and wife for many years, or until they left the State of South Carolina. They further state that they believe that they were married by one M. Collins, a regular ordained minister of the gospel.

Sworn before me this 10th day of February 1850

Samuel Bowen, Polly Bowen

J. M. Whitefield, M.A.D.

George D. Taliafarro County, [Georgia]

Personally came before me Jesse M. Harris and his wife Louisa C. Harris and after being duly sworn depose and saith that John Rainwater departed this life the 24th day of July 1836.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 10 day of April 1851.

Jesse Harris {mark}, Louisa C. Harris {mark}

Wm. T. Thiker, J.P.

#1525

Custom No. 12999 E

No. 26094  
# 48778-80-581  
SERVICE PENSION.

WAR OF 1812.

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Act of Mar 9 1878  
Martha Rainwater  
Brenham, Texas  
WIDOW of John Rainwater  
Pri. Capt. Moorhead  
S. C. Mil.

Died July 24 1837

Received June 11, 1878  
Saml Grafton  
Present

Attorney.

WAR OF 1812.

CLAIM OF WIDOW FOR SERVICE PENSION.

Under the provisions of Sections 4736 to 4740, (inclusive,) Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9, 1878.

N. B.—All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof; and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant.

State of Texas }  
County of Washington } ss:

On this 15 day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, personally appeared before me, William H. ... the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, (1) ... aged 33 years, a resident of ... in the State of Texas, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) John Rainwater deceased, who was the identical (3) John Rainwater, who served under the name of (4) John Rainwater as a (5) private in the company commanded by Captain ... in the ... Regiment of ... commanded by ... in the war of 1812; that her said husband (6) ... at ... on or about the ... day of ... A. D. 1813, for the term of ... and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (7) ... and whose services terminated, by reason of (8) ... on the ... day of July, A. D. 1813. She further states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: (9) ... She further states that she was married to the said ... at the city (or town) of ... in the County of ... and in the State of ... on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1815 by one (10) ... who was a (11) ...; and that her name before her said marriage was ...; and she further states that (12) ... and that her said husband (13) ... died at ... in the State of ... on the 24 day of July, A. D. 1837.

and that she has not again married; and that she further declares that the following have been the places of

residence of herself and her said husband since the date of his discharge from the Army, viz: (14) *Luzon to ditto*

*ditto marriage about 18 years, near to India Russell Co. and then from there to Green Prairie near the death of John Rainwater*

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she may be entitled under Sections 4736 to 4740, (inclusive,) Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9th, 1878, and hereby appoints PAINÉ &

GRAFTON, of Washington, D. C., her true and lawful attorneys, to prosecute her claim; and she further declares

that she has heretofore made

application for (15)

*to be admitted to the rank of sergeant*

*and that she has heretofore obtained a Good Conduct Medal and sold the same for a gun.*

and that her residence is No.

street, city (or town) of

*Brownsville*

County of

*Washington*

State of

*Texas*

, and that her post-office address is

*Brownsville, Washington County, Texas*

*Maria F. Rainwater*

(Signature of claimant.)

ATTEST:

*Richard Bunge*

*John G. ...*

#1525

5 Orleans  
Claim No. 26094  
Act of Mar. 9-1848  
Cert. No. 12999

# SERVICE PENSION, War of 1812.

Original Case.  
Reopened from  
Act of

## WIDOW'S BRIEF.

*Maitha Ranivater*, widow of

*John Ranivater*

Rank: *Private*  
Captain *Morehead*  
Regiment: *Mil*  
State: *S.C.*

Post Office: *Bremham*, County of *Washington*, State of *Texas*

Attorney: *Paine + Grafton*  
County, State of

P. O.: *Resent*  
Pay, Fee *\$10.*, No. Contract

Application filed *June 11<sup>th</sup>*, 18*48*

Alleged service. *Private under Capt. Morehead and Major John M. Milloy. Volunteered in Feb 1813 for six months and was discharged at Fort Mifflin July 1813.*

Record evidence of service. *3<sup>d</sup> And reports that Jns. Ranivater served under Capt Morehead from 20<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1814 to 28<sup>th</sup> July 1814 S.C. Mil.*

Residence

Parol evidence  
of service.

✓ Length of service

190 days No travel shown.

✓ Proof of identity.

Fully identified by the identifying witnesses  
as she was the wife of the soldier.

~~Proof of loyalty.~~

Admitted Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1878, to a pension of EIGHT DOLLARS per month  
from Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> 1878 the date of the Act.

no pension previously applied for

Alex. R. Spell

Pension Searcher.

Bounty Land claim wt 48778-80-55 issued

M. Robinson

Bounty Land Searcher.

APPROVED

November 30, 1878

J. A. Compton

Reviewer.

W. H. Bushman

Examiner.

(OVER.)

#1525

The State of Texas }  
Washington County }

Personally appeared before me George W. Horton an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Mrs Martha Reinwater to me well known who being duly sworn says that she is the widow of John Reinwater deceased who was a private in Capt Alexander McCreach's Company in the Creek war, that the said John Reinwater volunteered into the service of the United States at Pendleton Court House South Carolina in February 1813. or 1814, that he served a period of 6 months, and was honorably discharged by being mustered out of service at Fort Hawkins near Macon, in July 1813, or 1814, as will appear by reference

to the Muster Rolls of said Company,  
that Capt Minihacks Co was in the  
Regiment Commanded by Major Bell,  
many of the Regiment not rec'd. that  
officer applied for and obtained a  
Pony Bond warrant, for Eighty acres  
as the widow of the said John Rainwater  
on account of said services the warrant  
was obtained through the agency of David  
Cooper of Powellton Georgia, in 1852, that  
her husband the said John Rainwater  
departed this life on or about the 31  
day of July. A.D. 1836.

that neither he or the said John Rainwater  
or officer have ever received any Pony  
bond for said services except the 80 Acres

The State of Texas

Washington County

Deputy Clerk of the  
County Court of the

County Court of Washington County  
this day personally appeared  
Richard Surace who being by me  
duly sworn states on oath, that he  
knows that Mrs Martha Rainwater  
the applicant for a pension as the  
widow of John Rainwater, was the  
wife and is now the widow of John  
Rainwater, from the fact that he  
lived regular to and with the  
wife of the said John Rainwater  
for three years before the death of  
the said John Rainwater, that he  
lived neighbor to the said John and  
Martha Rainwater during the years  
1834, 1835 & 1836 and up to the time of  
the death of said John Rainwater  
in July 1837, that he was at the home  
of the said John Rainwater on the  
morning of his death, and that he  
knew the children of the said John and  
Martha Rainwater is in in number  
and that he went to school with  
part of them but in the year 1848  
Orrin Rainwater was of Oiler

State of South Carolina } Personally  
Audusan District } appeared  
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and also Martha Adams that they were  
married about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March  
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~~and~~ wife for many years or until they  
left the State of South Carolina  
The further State that they believe that they  
were married by one M Collins a regular ordained  
Minister of the Gospel

Sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1850.

J. T. Whitfield  
M. A. D.

Samuel Bowen  
Polly Bowen

State of South Carolina } I Elijah Trebb  
Audusan District } Clerk of the Court  
of Common Pleas and general Sessions  
for Audusan District in the State aforesaid  
Do hereby Certify that Joseph T. Whitfield  
Esquire before whom the proceeding aforesaid  
was made as appears by in our hand attesting  
the Same" was at that date then of a Magistrate  
for the District aforesaid who had been  
legally appointed and qualified and  
signed the Roll kept according to Law  
in my office

In Testimony Whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and Seal  
of office at Audusan Co. S. C.  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day February 1850

Elijah Trebb

State of Georgia }  
Gunn County } Before me, B. E. Spencer  
a Justice of the Peace in & for said County,  
personally came John Colclough and John  
Ridson of the County & State aforesaid, who  
being duly sworn deposed & said, that they were  
both personally acquainted with John  
Rainwater, deceased - that he resided in the  
County aforesaid, and departed this life some  
time in the latter part of the year 1836 - that  
said Rainwater was the husband of Mrs  
Martha Rainwater of said County.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day

March 1851  
B. E. Spencer J. P.

John Colclough  
John Ridson

Georgia }  
County } Personally came before me  
a Justice of the Peace  
Jesse M. Harris and his wife Susan G  
Harris and after being duly sworn deposed  
and said that John Rainwater departed  
this life the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1836  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
the 10 day of April 1851

Wm. T. Tucker, J. P.

Jesse Harris  
Susan G Harris

State of Georgia }  
County of Green } <sup>53</sup> On this ~~twentieth~~ <sup>twenty</sup> day of ~~December~~ <sup>January</sup> A. D. ~~nineteen~~ <sup>eighteen</sup>  
hundred, & fifty, personally appeared before me a Justice of  
Peace within & for the County & State aforesaid Martha Rainwater aged

55 years a resident of Green County in the State of Georgia  
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John Rainwater deceased who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Alexander Morehead (a volunteer Company) in the Battalion  
commanded by Major John McMillan in the Second Regiment of South  
Carolina Volunteers commanded by Col. Reuben Ash in the War with the  
Creek Indians, <sup>(in the English War)</sup> declared by the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1812. That  
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her name before her said marriage was Martha Adams, & that her said  
husband died in Green County Georgia on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1836, & that  
she is still a widow, that if there be any record of her marriage she doesn't know it  
unless it be in Pendleton District South Carolina.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she  
may be entitled under the Act passed September 28<sup>th</sup> 1850, & she hereby appoints Dr  
D. Cooper her Agent to obtain her Bounty Land Warrant.

Martha Rainwater

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day & year above written. *marks*

B. C. Spencer J. P.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION  
DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

KNOXVILLE TENN

12/11, 1884-

Postmaster at

Benham, Texas

SIR:

Will you please inform me at your VERY EARLIEST CONVENIENCE whether the pensioner Marta Rainwater - widow of John Rainwater.  
Mar 18/2.  
is living or dead; and, if dead, the EXACT DATE OF DEATH; if living, whether REMARRIED; and, if so, the EXACT DATE thereof and whom to?

Her last known address was at your place in

M. S. 3-

Your reply, ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET, forwarded to me in the inclosed addressed official envelope, will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

G. D. Ambrose

Special Examiner.

Powellton Hancock Co Ga April 17<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Dr Sir,

I wish an explanation of why in the face of Martha Rainwater's Bounty Warrant for 80 acres it is thus verbatim written "Martha Rainwater, Widow of John Rainwater, deceased, private in Capt Merheads Com<sup>2</sup><sup>d</sup> Regt So. Ca. Mil" The two services are mentioned when her <sup>2 services</sup> Declaration was filed but for one, I was his Surgeon in that War Indian campaign of 1814 &c.

This Warrant was issued on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1852. This "2 services" in the face of the Warrant is enigmatical & seems to require some explanation. There was another tour performed by So' Carolinians under other Officers the Autumn of the same year, above & for the protection of Savannah, Now is it, that Mr John Rainwater performed another tour of service there & his Widow is entitled to Bounty Land for these "2 services" & yet she gets only 80 acres to which she was fully entitled for his one service under my own knowledge. I would respectfully ask you to reflect on this endorsement "2 services" & why so.

Nashua Rainwater also served, at the same time with John, I should like to know whether he has applied for his claim though I do not like to trouble your Office too much

With much respect

Yours &c  
David Cooper  
Per S. B. B.

Brenham Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1859

Hon. G. B. Whitney Dear Sir

<sup>in closed</sup>  
I return you application of Mrs  
Rosenbush for Bounty bond with  
certificates of Clerk, as requested  
by Lewis Johnson. please application  
is forwarded some time since  
has left this County temporarily  
and we have been unable to get  
his affidavit in reference to a  
former application his explanation  
at the time was that he made  
an application at San Antonio  
Texas and left it with some  
person there and has never  
heard whether it was forwarded to  
the Department or not. if you  
will examine his application on  
file you will see that he swears  
that he has never received any  
Bounty bond.

Respectfully Yours

J. C. Giddings

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✓ ADDRESS REPLY TO  
139 NORTH CLARK STREET  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 14, 1931,

Veterans Administration  
Washington, D. C.

attention: Revolution and 1812 Wars Section  
mLB,

Gentlemen:

Will you examine your records and furnish the  
history of the following soldiers of the War of 1812 -

- ✓ 1- John <sup>only cl. for pay</sup> Rainwater - 4th Regiment, North Carolina Militia
- ✓ 2- Mathew <sup>pers.</sup> - Mast's Company, North Carolina Militia
- ✓ 3- Vincent <sup>pers.</sup> - " " " " "

In connection with the above I am interested  
not only in their service records, but their family  
records as disclosed by their applications for pensions.  
In an earlier communication I was advised to furnish  
names of widows, date of death, etc. I haven't this  
information but feel that by designating their names  
and organizations in which they served there can be no  
doubt of the persons about whom the information is desired.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Rainwater

Room 2001- 139 N. Clark St.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
139 NORTH CLARK STREET  
CHICAGO, ILL.

March 19, 1931

Veterans Administration  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.

Att: Rev. and 1812 Wars Section  
W.C. 12999  
John Rainwater  
AWF : MLB

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 17th showing history and service record of John Rainwater of Spartanburgh District, South Carolina, who fought in the War of 1812.

It appears that there must have been another soldier in the War of 1812 who bore the same name. I asked in my letter of February 14th for the history and record of John Rainwater, who served in the 4th Regiment, North Carolina Militia. Will you kindly examine your records again in this connection?

When you check your records again will you also please determine if you have a record of service in the War of 1812 of William Rainwater of the 3rd South Carolina, Militia?  
*^ here -*

Yours very truly,

*R. C. Rainwater.*

R.C. Rainwater  
Room 2001 - 139 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, Illinois

RCR:MH

#1525

March 25, 1931

R. C. Rainwater  
Room 2001 - 139 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section  
ANF:MLB

Dear Madam:

You are advised that the history furnished you March 17, 1931, is that of the only soldier named John Rainwater that is found on the records of this bureau, on account of whose services in the War of 1812 a pension was claimed, and said records fail to afford any information in regard to a pension having been claimed on account of the services of William Rainwater.

Very truly yours

E. W. MORGAN  
Acting Commissioner

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