

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Tankersley R10387

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The State of South Carolina } SS.  
District of Greenville }

On this Eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Chancellor of the Court of Equity in the State aforesaid, George Tankersley a resident of the State of South Carolina in the District of Greenville aged Seventy Six years on the Eighth day of last January, who being first duly Sworn, according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that he was born in Caroline County in the State of Virginia on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1756 and afterwards moved and resided in Henry County in the said State of Virginia, and in May 1776 while living in Henry County [sic: formed from Pittsylvania County effective in 1777] this declarant enlisted in the State Troops of the State of Virginia under Captain Abraham Penn of Gen'l. Andrew Lewis' Brigade for the term of Twelve months and took the Oath usually administered to Soldiers, that he belonged to what was called the Second Battallion of Minute men, that Henry Line [sic: Henry Lyons] commanded the company to which this applicant belonged as Lieutenant, that immediately after he enlisted he entered the public service and marched to Jamestown in Virginia and joined a company of Artillery stationed at that place commanded by Edward Carrington a Lieutenant of the Continental line, who commanded the forces at that Station; that in a very short time after he arrived at Jamestown there was an accession of three companies more, one commanded by Capt [Thomas] Dillard, one by Capt. Perkins and the third by Nicholas Cappel [sic: Nicholas Cabell], that a short time after these companies arrived at Jamestown the company of Artillery and Captains Dillards Perkins and Cabbels' companies received orders and marched to Gwin's Island [sic: Gwynn Island] and Capt. Penn's company of which this deponent was one remained at Jamestown as a guard to that place till after the Battle at Gwins Island [8 - 10 Jul 1776], then the Second Battalion of Minute men was ordered to the South against the Indians [sic: west against the Cherokees in present TN], that this deponent was taken sick and was unable to proceed with his company and Lieutenant Line gave him a permit to remain behind until he recovered, which was not till after the company returned from this Tour to the South West against the Indians, that he served, although he received no regular written discharge, faithfully his Country for twelve months agreeably to this enlistment, except when sick, and was at all time ready and liable to be ordered upon any duty the public service might require. That in the year 1781 this Deponent entered the Service of the State of Virginia as a drafted Militiaman for the term of three months in the company commanded by Capt. Hayman Creight [sic: Haman Critz] & Lieutenant John Tarrant, Major Duvall's Battalion and Col. [Holt] Richardson's Regiment and General [Robert] Lawson's Brigade and marched from Henry County where he then resided to a station known by the name of Parkers old fields in the fork of Pamonky and Materporni River [sic: Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers near West Point] fifteen or sixteen miles above Yorktown; that he remained at this station and served out faithfully the term of three months and was honorably discharged by Capt Creight about ten days or two weeks before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. That he has lost his discharge. That Generals Lawson and Stephens' [sic: Edward Stevens's] Brigades were at this station, commanded by Major General Lafayette; and that he served his country during the period of the Revolution faithfully fifteen months as stated above — He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State whatever

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] George Tankersley

Before me William Choice [Jr] Com'r & Register in Equity for Greenville District

[William Choice, Sr., pension application W3656, deposed that he served with Tankersley in the first tour of service. Abraham Bolt, pension application S9282, deposed that he and Tankersley were messmates during the second tour.]