

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Richard Townsend R10662

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State of Virginia, To Wit:

On this 21st day of July 1834 Personally appeared before the Court of Pittsylv'a [Pittsylvania] County now Sitting Richard Townsend a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged Sixty nine 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 the 7th, 1832, that he was drafted into the Service of the United States in the month of May 1780 and marched from the County of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia where he then resided in a Company of Militia under Captain Sylvester [sic: Sylvanus] Walker, Lieut [Samuel] Jordan &c. Passed through the County of Mecklenburg crossed Roanoke River at Taylors Ferry entered the State of North Carolina and rendesvouz'd at Hillsborough at which place we joined the Regiment which was command by Major [William] Boyce Colo. [John] Glenn, Colo. Holt Richardson &c in the Brigade under Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], from Hillsborough we marched to Deep River, from thence to Peadee [sic: Pee Dee] River, from thence to the neighborhood of Camden SC, where we joined the Main Army under Gen'l [Horatio] Gates at Rugelys Mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill]. was with him in the Battle fought on the night of the 15th and morning of the 16th of August 1780 [sic: Skirmish at Parker's Old Field beginning about 2 AM on 16 Aug 1780 and Battle of Camden after dawn] when he the said Gates was defeated and many of the Soldiers retreated back into North Carolina The Company to which I was attached was again organized at Hillsborough by Captain Walker, was commanded by Colo. Glenn for several days. from Hillsbough we marched to New Garden [W of present Greensboro] where we remained untill some time in October when term of service service expired. I was discharged by Captain Walker at New Garden North Carolina in October 1789 having served Five months. my discharge is lost and cannot be found but the service rendered is proved by James Wallace [pension application S9519] who a soldier with me the whole time. I again entered the Service of the United States on the first of August 1781 being drafted and marched from the said County of Lunenburg under Lieut Harris Tompkins through Petersburg and Richmond to a place called Morben [sic: Malvern] Hill and joined the Regiment under Colo. [John] Holcombe where we were stationed for some time from thence we marched back to Richmond from thence we marched across Chickahominy, and moved in various directions untill we joined the Main Army under Gen'l Washington Lafayette &c at Williamsburg [20 - 26 Sep 1781], from thence the whole Army under Gen'l Washington marched to Yorktown where we were stationed untill Lord Cornwallis Surrendered in October [19th] 1781. I was discharged at that place about the last of October 1781 having served on this tour at least two months and Twenty days. my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know a man living that was in that service with me The total Service rendered by me as a private in the War of the Revolution was at least Seven Months and Twenty days for which I claim a Pension I was born in the County of Lunenburg on the 15th day of October 1764. my Age was recorded in a family Book that was carried into the State of North Carolina some years ago. Captain Thomas Adams Doctor Lynch Dillard, Lynch Adams and many others can testify as to my character for Veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution I 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.

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