

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of George Twiford R10782      [Director]      f39VA  
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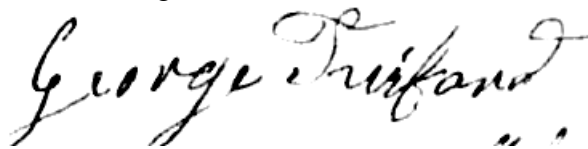
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State of North Carolina Guilford County: Superior Court of Law fall Term A.D. 1819

On this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord 1819 before me Joseph J Daniel one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Courts of Equity for the State aforesaid came George Twiford aged sixty-five years who being by me first duly sworn according to law, on his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war. That he the said George Twiford enlisted in the County of Accomack State of Virginia in the early part of the year 1776 in the 9th Regiment of Virginia Infantry on Continental establishment then under the command of Colonel John Cropper of which [indecipherable word interlined] George Gilchrist was Captain: Smith when he enlisted that he marched to Cumberland old Court-House in the State of Virginia where the said Regiment was placed on the Continental establishment and Colonel Thomas Parker then took the command of said Regiment; that he continued to serve in said Regiment until the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] when Colonel Parker and the most of the ninth Regiment were taken prisoners by the enemy = that he then joined a Regiment (the Number he does not recollect) Commanded by Colonel Harrison & that he was attached to the Company of Captain James Qualls [James Quarles] in said Regiment that he continued to serve in the said Regiment until the month of May 1781 when he was discharged in the Town of Winchester in the State of Virginia –

That he was in the battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776 and January 2, 1777] & Brandywine that he is in reduced Circumstances & stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for Support, and that he has no other evidence of his services now in his power except the annexed Certificate of Colonel John Cropper.

Sworn to before me this 30th of October 1819,  
S/ J. J. Daniel, [illegible]      S/ George Twiford



[Michael Wilson and William Adams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Virginia Accomack County, August 29, 1819

I do hereby certify that George Twiford now of Guilford North Carolina, was born in this said County of Accomack, that I knew him very well, that he was reputed to be always an honest,

industrious farmer, that he enlisted as a soldier with Captain Parker to March to the Southern Army under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene], that he marched at Cumberland old Courthouse in Virginia, and that he served upwards of 12 months, to the in of the Revolutionary war, and that he was discharged at the town of Winchester in the aforesaid State of Virginia, at the end of the said War.

S Jno Cropper<sup>1</sup>

Formerly Lieutenant Colonel Commandant 11 Virginia  
Regiment in the Continental Army

*Jno Cropper  
formerly Lt. Col. Commandant 11 Virginia  
Regiment in the Continental Army*

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I do hereby certify that George Twiford enlisted a soldier in the ninth Virginia Regiment, (which was placed on Continental establishment) the beginning of the year 1776, and that he served the time of two years for which he engaged faithfully.

S/ Jno Cropper Jr., formerly

Lt. Col. Commdt 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

Accomack County Virginia 14th of March 1810

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*Jno Cropper Jr. formerly  
Lt. Col. Commdt 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment*

*Accomack County  
Virginia 14<sup>th</sup> March 1810*

State of North Carolina Guilford County: Superior Court of Law October to Term A.D. 1820

<sup>1</sup> [John Cropper W3781](#)

On this 25th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid George Twiford aged 67 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – that he enlisted in the County of Accomack State of Virginia in the month of June 1775 for the term of two years and a Company commanded by Captain George Gilchrist which company was attached to a Regiment (Commanded by Colonel Matthews) of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment – that he marched from Virginia in said Regiment to Philadelphia where he again enlisted (sometime in the spring of 1776) for the term of three years in Regiment that he continued to serve with Corps until sometime in the spring of 1778 when he was discharged at Cumberland Old Court House State of Pennsylvania. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown [October 4, 1777].

That he the said George Twiford at October Term A.D. 1819 of the Superior Court of Law for Guilford County made a declaration on oath before the Honorable Joseph J Daniel then the presiding Judge of said Court in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March A.D. 1818 and that he received a Certificate from the War Department dated the 11th day of March A.D. 1820 and numbered 16548 –

I the said George Twiford do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

(Schedule)

One Negro woman in whom I have an life estate during the life of my wife, one man 17 years old, one colt two years old, three head of cattle, 18 head of hogs, one case of knives and forks & pewter spoons, one dish, seven plates, two pewter basons, half dozen earthen plates firm dishes one Set of cups and saucers, one two mugs, two pictures, two coffee pots, one salt cellar, 1 Crewit, one decanter, three iron pots, one spider, two crocks, two small cups, three porringers, two pans, one colander, one tin bucket, one tin cups, one lantern, one sitting chair, two chests, one box, one tub, one water pail, one bucket, bread bowl, one loom, one cupboard, one meat tub, one pair of steel yards, two flax wheels, one cotton wheel, one bed, two old axes, one weeding hoe, two old plows & plow harness, one small keg

S/ George Twiford

that he the said George Twiford is indebted to sundry persons to the amount of \$125 or thereabouts – that he has no debts due him –

That he is by profession a farmer but from age and bodily infirmities is unable to labor much his family consist of his wife Director Twiford aged 54 years in as good health as women usually are at her age – Elizabeth Twiford his daughter aged 18 years and is deaf otherwise in good health – and Wall Twiford age 12 years and is Deaf and has had his arm broken

S/ George Twiford

[the court values his property at \$270]

[f p . 13: family record:

Revel Twiford was born October second in the year of our Lord 1804

Edmond W. Twiford was Born November second in the year of our Lord 1807  
Johnathan Twiford the son of George Twiford and director was born March 24th in the year of our Lord 1787  
Daniel Twiford was born June six in the year of our Lord 1788  
Robert Twiford was born December 13th in the year of our Lord 1789  
Michael Twiford was born March 19th in the year of our Lord 1792  
Bennet Twiford was born August 12th in the year of our Lord 1795  
Ben [illegible] Twiford was born November 15th in the year of our Lord 1797  
Anna Twiford was born March ninth in the year of our Lord 1800  
Elizabeth Twiford was born May 29th in the year of our Lord 1802

[f p. 16: On November 24, 1843 in Guilford County North Carolina, Allen Powel, 46, son-in-law of George Twiford, a revolutionary war pensioner, filed a claim for the pension due his mother in law stating that George Twiford died March 12, 1837 leaving a widow, Director, surviving who died June 2, 1839 leaving the following two children surviving: Edmund W Twiford and Elizabeth (who intermarried with Allen Powel), both of legal age; that the veteran and his wife were married in 1786.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen Powel". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'l'.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per annum commencing October 30, 1819, for service as a private for five years in the Virginia Continental line.]