

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wynn R11920

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State of Virginia Tazewell County: SS

On this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me Thomas Peary an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Tazewell and State of Virginia William Wynn a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-two years on the 25th day of February last who being 1st 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That he moved from Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia in the year 1772 to the South fork of Clynch [Clinch] River in what was then called Montgomery now Tazewell County and State aforesaid. That he was enrolled in a company of Militia under the command of Captain Thomas Mastin. That in the early part of the Indian War there was a garrison erected on the plantation belonging to his Father which was called an honor of its proprietor Wynn's Garrison. That there was an order of Colonel Preston that the men so soon as they were enrolled should be held as soldiers and stationed in the different forts or garrisons for the protection of the Frontier settlements. That as early as the 1st day of April in the year 1778 he volunteered as a guard under the command of the said Captain Thomas Mastin and was stationed at Wynn's Garrison. That he remained in Service until the 1st of November following. That in the year 1779 he again volunteered as a guard under the command of the aforesaid Captain Thomas Mastin and was stationed as before in Wynn's Garrison. That his services commenced in this year as early as the 1st of April and continued until the 1st of November following. That he again volunteered and entered the service of his Country as early as the 1st of April in the year 1780 and continued in service until the 1st of November following, that he was commanded by the aforesaid Captain Thomas Mastin and stationed as before in Wynn's Garrison. That in the year 1781 as early as the 20th of March the Indians having made their appearance in the settlement the People betook themselves to their respective forts that he volunteered and served as before in Wynn's Garrison from that time until the 1st of November following that he was commanded as before by Captain Thomas Mastin. That he again volunteered and served in each of the year 1782 and 1783 under the command of the aforesaid Captain from the 1st of April until the 1st of November following that he was stationed as before in Wynn's Garrison that he does not recollect that there was any attack made on their Fort during the above named periods but that the Indians committed a great many depredations and murdered numerous individuals in the Settlement during that time so that the people in the frontier settlements of Virginia were kept in constant alarm, that the Indians would frequently steal slyly into the hearts of the settlements and murder individuals who would happen to fall in their way and at other times would come in

large bodies, and attacked the Garrisons along the frontiers. That there was not a sufficiency of men in the Settlement where he lived to defend it so that they were under the necessity of calling on the Country further east for assistance that a company of men were commonly sent from the eastern part of Montgomery County a part of which were stationed in Wynn's Garrison and the balance in other Garrisons along the frontiers – That the nature of his Services was to guard the Fort in turn as a sentinel and to go out when commanded in pursuit of the Indians when they would make their appearance in the settlement or when the spies would bring in a report that they had seen signs of the Indians in the vicinity of the Garrison. That during the whole of the aforesaid periods that he has mentioned in the foregoing part of his declaration he was in Garrison with a regularly embodied Corps called into service by order of the aforesaid Officers and that during the aforesaid Periods he was not engaged in any civil pursuits. That during the whole of the aforesaid time he was commanded by the aforesaid Captain and that he does not recollect the subaltern Officers (First Interrogatory) That he was born in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia in the year 1762. (Second) That he has a record of his age which is now in the possession of his Brother with whom he now lives (Third) that he was living in the South Fork of Clinch River in what was then called Montgomery now Tazewell County and State of Virginia when called into service where he has lived ever since. (Fourth) That he volunteered when he entered the service of his Country. (Fifth) That he has given the name of his Officers in the foregoing part of his declaration. (Sixth) That he never received any written discharge for any of the services he rendered his Country. (Seventh) That he is known to William G. W. Currin and Jos. Linkans who can testify to his good character for veracity and their belief of his services as he states. That he can support his declaration by the evidence of Michael Stump.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Peery, JP

S/ William Wynn, X his mark

[William G. W. Currin and John Linkans gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Tazewell County

On this 6th day of April in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me Thomas Peary an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Caswell and State of Virginia Michael Stump¹ a resident of the County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement. That he was stationed in the same garrison with William Wynn and served under the same Officers that he well recollects the services of William Wynn as he has stated in his Declaration in Wynn's Garrison that William Wynn served in the capacity of a guard – and that he believes William Wynn did serve at least the length of time that he has stated in his declaration. Sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Peery, JP

¹ FPA R10285