

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Bateman R606

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State of Mississippi, Green [Greene] County and Circuit Court of Law September Term A.D. 1833

On this the 10th day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court the undersigned Thomas Bateman a resident of said County of Green and State of Mississippi, aged Seventy-eight years, on the 29th day of January last, 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 7th 1832 –viz: That he entered the Army of the United States, as a private, on or about the 5th of May in the year A.D. 1776 under the following named officers, viz: Christopher Cofel [probably Grisham Coffield], Captain, __ Gee [James Gee] Colonel – Isaac Dozier [probably Peter Dauge] Lieutenant Colonel, __ Ash [sic, John Ashe] General; as a volunteer at Edgecombe [County North Carolina], and the State of North Carolina, and join my company at Tarborough from thence we marched to Wilmington in said State, remained there three months, from thence to Halifax in said State, Captain Keil, & Nicholas Long Colonel Commanding was on duty, till ordered to Guilford in said State, and arrived there the night before the battle, in which he was engaged on the 15th of March 1781 – in the company then commanded [by] Exum Phillips, Etheld Phillips [Etheldred Phillips] Major, William Linton [William Thomas Linton], Colonel, __ Eaton [Thomas Eaton] Brigadier General, General Nathiel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] then commander in chief – he further states that he remained in the Army as a volunteer as above stated to the end of the war, but was in no engagement after the Battle of Guilford – he further states that he was in service of the United States during the revolutionary war, at least five years and six months – the undersigned further states that he has no documentary testimony, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – And 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 and subscribed to in open Court.

S/ Thomas Bateman, X his mark

S/ Alex McCaskill, Clk

Questions propounded by the Court

1. Where and in what year were you born
 - a) and the State of Virginia, Bedford County on the 29th of January A.D. 1755
2. Have you any record of your age
 - a) Yes Where is the record? At my residence written as I have been informed by my Fall or in my age is as stated above
3. Where were you living when called into Service Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live
 - a) I was living at the time I entered the service of the United States at Edgecombe County in the State of North Carolina about 25 miles from Tarborough and said State I remained in said State after the Revolutionary war eight years or thereabouts from thence I removed to

South Carolina where I resided until I removed to the State of Mississippi in the year 1818 to the same County of Green where I now reside

4. How were you called into Service were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute
 - a) I was a volunteer as stated in my declaration
5. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service
 - a) Sometimes. After the battle of Guilford I received a regular discharge from Captain Exum Philips which said discharge was lost before I left the State of North Carolina.

Sworn and Subscribed to the day and year aforesaid and in open court.

S/ Alex McCaskill, Clk

S/ Thomas Bateman, X his mark

[Isham Moody, a clergyman, and Asa Woodard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Mississippi, Green County

On the second day of October in the year of our Lord 1837 Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Thomas S. Sterling presiding Judge of the state aforesaid Thomas Bateman a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged eighty-two years – who first being duly sworn as the law directs – on his oath makes the following Declaration

1st That he entered the service in Edgecombe County in North Carolina as a private soldier about the first of May A.D. 1776 under the command of Captain Christopher Coffel, Colonel James Gee, Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Dozier Commanding the 1st Regiment James Hogun Major and served three months and was stationed during the whole time at Wilmington that colonels Thomas Irving and Colonel Buncombe commanded the regular troops.

[2nd] Entered the service as a soldier February the 1st 1781 under the command of Captain Exum Philips, Eldridge Philips, Major – William Linton Colonel and Pinkerton [sic, Pinkatham Eaton] Lieutenant Colonel regular officers, John McNeas [sic, John McNees or McNeese] & Joshua Hadley regular Captains General Greene commander in chief – we rendezvoused at Halifax from thence to Guilford Court House where we met the enemy under Lord Cornwallis and on the 15th of March 1781 the action began and lasted about three hours and the Americans retired from the field – next day the enemy marched to Wilmington and we rallied at the iron works on Deep River and marched towards Cape Fear and was discharged.

S/ Thos Bateman, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the third day of October A.D. 1837

S/ Thos. S. Sterling, Judge of the 5th Judicial District

[Isham Moody, a clergyman, and John Roberts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories of Thomas Bateman for pension taken before the Honorable Thomas S. Sterling October of the 2nd 1837

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: in Bedford County Virginia in the year 1755

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer-- Yes here it is and is the only record of my age to my knowledge – I am 82 years of age

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – In Edgecombe County North Carolina since the war I have lived in South Carolina – the most of the time and now I live in the State of Mississippi Green County

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – General Greene was the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army and Colonel Irving [Henry Irwin, Irvin]¹ and Colonel Bunkum [Edward Buncombe]² was in the regular service – they were both killed at Brandywine [indecipherable words]³.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I did it was given by my Captain in the first term – in the first one – 2nd [?] none he told us our time [had expired and] discharged us.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: John Roberts and Phincher Coaly [could by Cody]

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

The petition of the undersigned Respectfully represents to your Hon. Body That he was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War and as such entitled under the law of 7th June 1832 to a pension: That he has made the Declaration prescribed by the form adopted by the War Department in order to obtain his pension and has forwarded it and produced to the Department all the testimony in his power (and which he thought would be satisfactory) to substantiate his claim – he further represents to your Hon. Body, that the papers have been returned from the Pension Office with the requisition that his services shall be proven by two credible witnesses who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimant's entering the service and the time and manner of his leaving the same as well as the Regiment, Company and line to which he belonged. Now the undersigned would further represent that he is totally unable to comply with this requisition because he knows of no one by whom he can prove his services & if there be any person or persons who are conscious of these facts they reside in places unknown to your petitioner. These facts were known to many persons in North Carolina at the time of his entrance into the Service but whether they now exist (and if so) where they reside are things entirely unknown to your petitioner and if he knew them his physical inability and great want of pecuniary means (being very decrepit and extremely poor) would prevent him from obtaining them. Your petitioner further represents: That the paper heretofore sent to the War Department relative to his claim to a pension accompany this petition and he hopes contain sufficient evidence of the rendition of the services mentioned. He therefore prays your Hon. Body to pass a law placing his name on the Pension Roll and as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ Thomas Bateman, X his mark

Attest: S/ James Smith, X his mark

¹ Henry Irwin was taken prisoner and died from wounds suffered at the battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777.

² Buncombe actually died from complications from a wound he suffered at the Battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777.



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Rare fellows?