

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Peyton R8165

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To the Department of War of U. States of America

The application of Charles Peyton for the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, entitled an Act supplementary to an Act for the relief of surviving Officers & soldiers of the Revolution. Declaration

State of Virginia Stafford County County to wit

On this 11th day of October, in the year 1841, in open Court, before the County Courts of Stafford County now sitting, personally appeared Charles Peyton, a resident of the County of Stafford, in the State of Virginia, aged 80 years 8th June 1841, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, that he was drafted as a private in the Virginia militia in the year 1781 with Captain William Alexander, to serve for six months and served in the __Regiment of the Virginia Militia (his number of the Regiment he has forgotten – but he hopes the name of the Colonel, whom he recollects well, will supply this defect, by showing from the Regiment the commander the number of that in which he served) William Alexander as his Captain, __ Garrett as Colonel of the Stafford Militia; that he was drafted at fall month in the County of Stafford, State of Virginia, in the year 1781, that he went from fall month, to the Bowling Green and Caroline County Virginia – from there to Williamsburg and from Williamsburg to York. That he was at the commencement of the siege of York – that he continued till the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. That he still recollects one occurrence which happened there, which he shall never forget – an individual by the name of Garrett (a relative of the Colonel before mentioned) who had a commission threw up his Commission at the first attack and returned home – the first fire frightened him – the laughter and ridicule among his acquaintances has impressed it upon my mind. That after the siege of York, he guarded the prisoners to the barracks beyond Winchester in the lower end of Berkeley County, Virginia. That being greatly exhausted by his hard tour and long march of about two hundred fifty miles he with others was permitted to return home about the last of November to recover his health and strength and after recovering was to return again into the barracks – that on his return home he was taken very sick and continued in bad health – that while in a very feeble condition & delirious and Officer came for him to his home, as he understood on his recovery and ascertaining his situation returned without him – that he remained in this state till the last of the following March, and then – that the period for which he was to serve had expired, that from the period for which he first entered the service until he was permitted to return home from the Barracks in Berkeley County was about three months but that though permitted to return home to recover his health from its enfeebled condition, He still considers himself in the

service, and should not have left the ranks but for the cause set forth before – nor have remained away from the barracks but from physical disability. 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 pension Roll of any Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid – [Attested October 14, 1841 by H. H. Conway, clerk of the Stafford County Virginia court.]

[f p. 3: Power of attorney dated December 23, 1852 signed by James Payton, Thomas Peyton, & Nancy Limbrick Heirs at law of James Payton, deceased a resident of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County

James Payton
Thomas Peyton

Nancy Limbrick
n, and I hereby certify that I believe the said]