

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Pickard R8225

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Georgia Talbot County } SS

On this sixth day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before their Honors Bartley Whitehurst, John Brown and Robert G. Crittenden Justices of the Inferior Court of Talbot County now sitting Thomas Pickard resident of Talbot County and State aforesaid now in his seventy third year of his age who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit he entered the service on or about the first of May in the year 1780 under Captain Dugless [sic, Edward Douglas] of Colonel John Literals [sic, John Luttrell's] Regiment under the command of General Ambrose Ramsey was in service about six months left the service about the first of November 1780 he was in no regular engagement was in several skirmishes with the Tories he lived in Chatham County North Carolina when he entered the service and was drafted during this term of service he marched through Orange, Wake and Caswell Counties & some other part of North Carolina and was once or twice in the edge of South Carolina during this term of service he was with General Marion [Francis Marion] part of the time & part with Colonel Robert Maborn [sic, Robert Mebane?] & General Lee [sic, Lt. Col. Henry [”Light Horse Harry”] Lee]].

This deponent further states that he entered the service the second time in August 1781 under the command of Captain James Maborn [James Mebane?] Served three months was drafted joined Colonel Benjamin Few's Regiment Henry Mumford was Major he marched to Halifax in North Carolina. The left Halifax at the arrival of Lord Cornwallis and went into the country upon Roanoke River. He lived when he entered the service the last time in Orange County in North Carolina. This deponent further states that he was afterwards out several times a few days at a time on scouting parties against the Tories he was taken prisoner by them who robbed him & discharged him.

He has no documentary evidence in his possession he had two discharges but he got his cart turned over in Stephens Creek in South Carolina when he was moving to Georgia and lost them together with all his papers.

He thinks there is now living one Michael Watley¹ who could testify to his service but he

¹ Sic, [Michael Whatley S7876](#)

does not know where he lives.

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 on this day and year aforesaid.

S/ William S. Goss, Clerk

S/ Thomas Pickard, X his mark

[Henry Bell, a clergyman, and Willey Buckner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Talbot County} Personally came before me Bartley Whitehurst one of the Judges of the Inferior Court in and for said County Michael Whatley who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he knows Thomas Pickard the person about making application for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 and that he knows of said Thomas Pickard's having served two tours of three months each in the North Carolina drafted militia in the Revolutionary war -- Said Thomas Pickard was first drafted & served three months in 1779 & 80 under Captain John Elliott -- Major McDaniel & General John Butler being superior officers -- The second Tour of service of said Thomas Pickard was in 1781 under Captain Trousdale [James Trousdale], Colonel Taylor [sic, more likely Colonel James Read] & General Butler were officers -- This deponent served with said Thomas Pickard who with the deponent was sent out as spies and were taken by the Tories near Hillsboro Captain Allen [Abraham Allen] with a party of light horse came upon them and they were released -- said Thomas Pickard was drafted both times & in that capacity served both tours of three months each -- said Thomas Pickard served both tours as a private soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this fifth day of October 1836

S/ Bartley Whitehurst, JIC

S/ Michael Whatley, X his mark

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State of Georgia Talbot County: Inferior Court 19th day of December 1836

Answers of Thomas Pickard to the Interrogatories² propounded by the Court on his application for a pension --

To the 1st Interrogatory he answers I was born in May 1759 in Chatham County North Carolina & has no record of his age.

To the 2nd Interrogatory he answers -- I lived in Orange County North Carolina when called into service I have lived most of my time in Georgia since the revolutionary war & now live in Georgia.

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

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.

To the 3rd Interrogatory he answers -- I was drafted two tours & I volunteered in September 1781 and was discharged in April 1782.

To the 4th Interrogatory he answers General Gates [Horatio Gates] was highest in Command & General Butler afterwards General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was in chief command --

To the 6th he answers -- I had regular discharges but lost them in moving to Georgia.

To the 7th he answers that he never received a commission --

To the 8th: He answers Michael Whatley knows of a part of my service James C. Leonard Esquire knows my character --

Taken before us the day & year above written.

S/ Bartley Whitehurst, JIC

S/ D. E. Manuel, JIC

S/ J. C. Hamilton, JIC

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State of Georgia Talbot County} ^{SS}

On this the nineteenth day of December 1836 Personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County & State Thomas Pickard a resident of Talbot County in said State aged seventy-seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was twice drafted & served two tours of duty of three months each in the North Carolina drafted militia in the Revolutionary war. That he was first drafted & served a tour of three months in the year 1779 & 80 (the draft being in the latter part of the year 79 and the service being in the spring of the year 80). That he served the above tour under Captain John Elliott -- McDaniel was Major of the Battalion John Butler was General commanding -- General Gates commander in chief -- At the time of entering service he lived in Orange County North Carolina was in no battle during this tour. And the said Thomas Pickard under oath further saith that he served a second tour of service in the year 1781 that he was drafted & served three months under Captain James Trousdale -- Colonel Taylor commanded the Regiment & General Butler was still in command General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commander in chief. Deponent at the time of entering service the second tour lived in Orange County North Carolina -- soon after entering service on the second tour deponent was sent out with some others as spies to view where the British & Tories lay and deponent was taken prisoner about 18 miles from Hillsboro by a party of Tories under Colonel McNeal [Hector McNeill] & was released in consequence of the Tories being pursued by a party of light horse under Captain Allen. Deponent was afterwards in a skirmish during the same tour, which took place at Lindley's mill [September 13, 1781]³ in the upper age of Chatham County -- Captain Trousdale was there with us -- also Captain Douglass -- Colonel Mabon [Mebane] commanded the party -- This skirmish was with a party of Tories headed by Colonel McNeal who was killed during the skirmish -- Deponent was in another skirmish during this tour at a place called Brushy Creek [sic, Brush Creek, October, 1781]⁴ near the edge of South Carolina with a party of Tories under Colonel Fannin [sic, David Fanning] & the Tories were whipped in both skirmishes -- Deponent was afterwards marched to the High Hills of Santee in South Carolina & there discharged --

After being discharged as above the said Thomas Pickard under oath saith that he then

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brush_creek.html

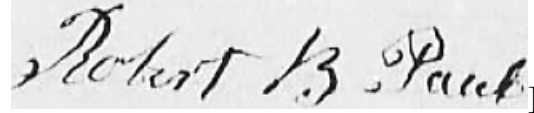
joined Captain Allen's company of Horse as a volunteer in September 81 & served until April in 1782 although this deponent was not at all times in service being permitted for a few days in the tour to go home Deponent says that he served six months in this tour – Most of the service done by Deponent while under Captain Allen was down among the Scotch near Cape Fear in North Carolina & was in no important engagement. Deponent served as a private soldier in all the Terms of service specified as above -- And this Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Pickard, X his mark

[Robert Fleming a clergyman, and James C. Leonard [signed his name “James C. Linnard”] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On February 27, 1854 in Monroe County Georgia, Robert B Paul executed a power of attorney whereby he authorized his attorney to pursue the pension due to Thomas Pickard. He does not state what, if any, relationship he had with the veteran.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B Paul". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first letter 'R' is large and prominent, and the signature ends with a small flourish.