

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Puckett R8512

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State of Virginia Halifax County to wit

Stephen Puckett Junior [?] & Betsey Puckett, respectable persons this day came before me & made oath as follows,

That Thomas Puckett deceased formerly of this County enlisted for 18 months in the Continental service in the revolutionary war & served, they believe, accordingly –

That Thomas Puckett & Betsey Wood, his wife was legally married by a preacher of the Gospel legally authorized to solemnize matrimony – That Stephen Puckett Junior, Polly Hughes, formerly Polly Puckett & Nancy Puckett are the children and lawful heirs of the said Thomas Puckett deceased & that the said Thomas Puckett died the 28th of November 1820

Given under my hand this 16th February 1837

S/ Wm Faulkner

State of Virginia, Halifax County to wit

John Seamster¹ a noble old soldier this day made oath before me that in 1780 or 1781 he enlisted in the revolutionary war for 18 months. That sometime after enlisting he was marched to the Army & put in a Company commanded by Captain Marx [Isaiah or John Marks?] which company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Bluford or Genl. [Abraham Buford]. That Thomas Puckett, then of this County, was also enlisted with him for 18 months & served with him for during the 18 months. The said Thomas Puckett was a Sergeant in the Company to which they both belonged.

James Bates² a very respectable man and an old Continal [Continental soldier] this day made oath before me that the above affidavit of John Seamster is strictly true as he was a Continental soldier himself at the same time & was often with them in their Company while in the Army & that he knows the said Thomas Puckett was Sergeant – Given under my hand this 16th February's 1837

S/ Wm Faulkner

[f p. 11: Power of attorney dated February 27, 1837 given by Stephen Puckett, Junior, William Hughes who intermarried with Polly Puckett & Nancy Puckett, children & legatees of Thomas Puckett deceased appointing Captain Elisha Barksdale of Halifax County as their attorney to pursue the claim for the pension due based on the service of Thomas Puckett. They each signed with their respective mark.]

¹ [John Seamster S25429](#)

² Probably the same man as [James Bates W5787](#)