

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ledford Payne¹ S1242

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State of Tennessee Overton County: January Sessions 1829

On this 22nd day of January 1829 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record having jurisdiction unlimited and having the power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a Court of Record by the laws of said State for said County Ledford Payne aged about sixty-eight years resident in the County of Overton aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, I Ledford Payne enlisted in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia in the regular infantry Service of the United States for the term of 5 years or during the war under David Mud [??] a recruiting officer. When I went into service I was placed under the command of Captain Thomas Hudgins a part of the 39th Regiment commanded at first by Colonel Spotswood I was afterwards placed under the command of Captain Hood I believe. I served under other captains whose names I cannot now recollect. I enlisted in the month of January 1779 and faithfully served as a private Soldier until the termination of the Revolutionary War having faithfully served out my enlistment during the war and after the Surrender of Cornwallis at the Siege of York I was dismissed at Winchester State of Virginia from the service having guarded some persons to that place myself and the rest of the guards were dismissed without receiving any discharge and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 8th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or security contract or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I have no interest in any real estate whatever the following is a list of my personal property necessary bedding and clothing excepted to wit three head of sheep worth \$6 one chest and table one trunk one set of plates, two dishes one set of tea cups and saucers one set of knives and forks, one glass pitcher two bowls and one small pot one hand one washing tub one pale and 6 chairs worth \$15 making in the hold \$21 – I have no debts owing to me of any kind I am by occupation a farmer but I am too old and infirm to labor I have filed in family my wife about 36 years old tolerably healthy and able to labor one daughter about 10 years old a cripple and never will be able to labor a son about 7 years old and an infant about 2 months old I should have applied sooner for a pension but did not know till a few weeks cents that the United States had

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made any provision for So that served in the Revolutionary War or that there was any act of Congress passed on that subject.

S/ Ledford Payne

Sworn & subscribed in Open Court the 22nd of January 1829
S/ Wm Gare Clerk

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State of Tennessee Russell County Court: SS
December Term 1832

On this 10 day of December 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the County Court in and for the Russell County Court in the State of Kentucky now sitting Ledford Payne a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 70 years the 9th day of August last past 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 in the year 1780 in the County of Pittsylvania State of Virginia he was drafted as a militia man for three months he then belonged to Captain Charles Hodgins Company he was immediately marched to a place of rendezvous after he had been some time in service he was transferred to Captain William Dicks Company he was then marched by said Captain Dicks to old James town, Clement McDonnal was the Lieutenant, Reuben Bennett was the Ensign, when he arrived at old James town he was going to troops commanded by General Lafayette and General Anthony Wayne while at that place they had a severe engagement with the British in which Battle this applicant was in from beginning to end he was after the battle aforesaid marched on to Williamsburg where he was kept until his Term was fully expired he then enlisted at Williamsburg for five years or for during the war under Captain Joseph Carter, he cannot state whether his enlistment was upon state or Continental establishment as he was then ignorant of the different; his Lieutenant was by the name of Booker and his Ensign likewise by the name of Booker and under those officers he entered the service of the United States as an enlisted private for and during the war or five years General Spotswood was there at that time commanding he does not recollect the Colonel who commanded but thinks it was Colonel Meade he was kept there occasionally scouting about until towards the fall of 1781 when he was marched on to Little York where General Washington's Army lay where he was joined to that Army, and remained there until after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and in a short time was marched on with the British prisoners towards Winchester but before he reached Winchester he was taken sick and obtained a furlough for a few days and went home, as soon as his time was out he went to goodes bridge [??] the place where he was ordered and joined his old Company and after some time was attached to Captain Richard Randolph's Company General Spotswood was then commander, Colonel Meade & Major Peter Randolph was also they are in command after remaining there some time say one year he was furloughed for 40 days and permitted to go home at the end of his furlough and returned to the Army agreeable to his orders and was marched to Richmond & other places and in this way continued in service until the final close of the war after which he was Honorably Discharged by Colonel Meade he positively states that he was in the service of the United States upwards of three years. He further states that he has lost his discharge but how when or where he cannot now state he has no documentary evidence to prove his service nor does he know of any person whose evidence he can procure who can testify to his service except Jorden George of this County who can testify to his service and whose affidavit is hereto annexed, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension

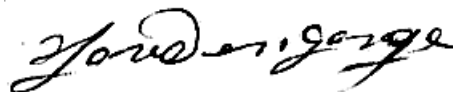
or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State he further states that he was born in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia on the 9th day of August 1762 agreeable to the information of his parents & his father's register which she has often seen and all of which he believes to be true, he has no register of his Birth by him having recently had it burnt by accident; after the close of the war he moved to Sullivan County North Carolina (now Tennessee) he lived there several years then moved to South Carolina Abbeville County, where he remained some years then moved to Pendleton County same state where he remained some years, when he moved to Wheelen [Wheeling?] Virginia where he stayed about one year & then descended the River to Natchez where he remained but a few months when he moved to the state of Tennessee near Nashville where he remained until about 1816 when he moved to Kentucky and wants after that taught school in Overton County Tennessee but Kentucky has been properly considered his home from 1816 until the present he has lived part of his time in Monroe County Kentucky – part in Cumberland and for the last 2 years in the County of Russell where he now resides.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ledford Payne



The State of Kentucky Russell County Court 1832 December 10 on this day Jordan George² a resident of the County aforesaid came into open Court and made oath that he is well acquainted with Ledford Payne who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and further that he knew him the said pain in the Army of the Revolution and does testify and state that from his own personal knowledge he the said Ledford Payne served as he has stated in his said Declaration. That he served with him the greater part of the time therein stated and that he believes him to be 70 years of age.

S/ Jordan George



[f p. 8: On November 13, 1856 in Overton County Tennessee, Jane Payne, 58, made oath that she is the widow of Ledford Payne, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution until his death on July 13, 1838; that she married him in Overton County Tennessee January 6, 1828; that they were married by William Matlock, JP; that she married October 15, 1846 James Boyer in Overton County Tennessee but that said Boyer at that time had a wife and that said Boyer³ deserted and abandoned affiant. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

² FPA S1202

³ In another document in this file, her name is spelled Jane Bouyer.