

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Furnish S13105

VA

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Common' lth of Kentucky } Sct.

Harrison County }

On this 10th day of Dec'r. 1832 personally appeared in open court before us Thomas B. Woodyard, Stephen B. Currant William Moon and Lewis Days Esq'rs. Justices of the County Court of Harrison County now sitting Thos. Furnish a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged seventy-two years on the 15th day of Feby 1832 Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Augusta County in the state of Virginia (according to his family register and now in his possession) on the 15th day of Feby 1760. And that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Some time about the first of Sept'r. 1780 he was drafted for three months from the County of Orange in the state of Virginia (where he then resided) and placed under the command of Ensign Richard White [pension application S6371], Lt Belfield Cave, and captain Benjamin Johnson of the Virginia militia and attached to (he thinks) the 5th Regt. commanded by Col. Holt Richardson [Holt Richeson] of the Regular army in Gen'l. [Thomas] Nelson's Brigade.

He joined the army at Richmond in Virginia, and marched down to a place called Cabbin-point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] where he lay a considerable time We then marched to Petersburg in Va. From thence we returned to Richmond, where we remained watching the movements of Arnold the traitor, then committing great ravages in Va. [see endnote]; until some time in Dec'r. when his term of service having expired, he received his discharge and went home a few days before Christmas.

Again some time in May 1781 he was drafted from the County of Orange and state of Va. for three three months, and served a short time under Capt George Waugh of the Va. militia attached to the 3rd Regt commanded by Col. Thomas Matthews [Thomas Mathews] of the regular army. He joined the Virginia Troops at Richmond Va. where he lay for some time, the then in consequence of a deficit regular Artillerists, volunteered and served under the command of Capt. Whitehead Coleman of the United States light Artillery. We marched from Richmond, and was joined by Gen'l. Wayne at or near a place then know by the name of Raccoon-ford [sic: Anthony Wayne at Raccoon Ford, 8 Jun 1781] on the Rappahannock River. The army then under the command of the Marquis La Fayette [Marquis de Lafayette]. we marched back to Richmond [21 Jun]; the British having moved off, we proceeded to old Jamestown; there Gen'l. Wayne gave them battle [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul]. We then marched to a place called Mobbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], and remained there untill his term of service expired, when he received his discharge and returned home.. He remained in Virginia untill the spring of 1792 when he moved to Kentucky and has resided here ever since.

This declarant further states that the discharges he received are now lost, and that he has no documentary evidence of his service or discharges

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



NOTE: Gen. Benedict Arnold did not begin raiding in Virginia until the last few days of 1780.