

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Snow S14540

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State of Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 2nd day of October 1832

On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Albemarle now sitting being a court of record – Richard Snow a resident of said County & State aged Seventy-nine 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia on the __ day of June (the date not recollected) in the year 1753, that he has no record of his age – That about the year 1777 being the year Burgoyne was captured he was drafted in the militia at Charlottesville and Albemarle for a two months tour, that he was marched from Charlottesville under a Captain whose name he thinks was Tucker Woodson [perhaps Tarleton Woodson] to Richmond, Fredericksburg and Port Royal in Virginia and perhaps other places not now recollected – that he does not at this distant day recollect the name of the Colonel to whose Regiment he may have been attached – that he served the tour of two months and was discharged and returned to Albemarle. That not long after his return home he was again drafted for a month only as he thinks, was stationed during that period at the Albemarle Barracks as one of the Guards over Burgoyne's troops and belonged to a company commanded he thinks by Garland Burwell [probably Garland Burnley]. In a short time after the second discharge he was again drafted for eighteen months and marched from Albemarle under Captain Hudson Martin to the place now called Columbia in Fluvanna County where he thinks he was transferred to a company commanded by Captain Robert Jewell [perhaps Robert Jouett], from thence he was marched to various parts of Eastern Virginia the names of the places not recollected. Though he remembers to have been at Richmond, Norfolk, Hampton & Williamsburg the names of his Colonel he thinks was Dandridge; of this however he is not sure, he may, indeed is certain, that he was during the service under more colonels than 1 – General Wayne was the chief Officer to whom he was attached. After serving about thirteen months he exchanged with a militia man who was drafted for only a two months tour paying for the difference in time about eight or \$10 a month. After serving out the two months tour to which he had bartered, he was discharged and returned home. After remaining at home sometime, he was again drafted and receiving a furlough for a few days, he followed after his company and joined it at Williamsburg, the company was commanded by John Harris of Albemarle – from thence he was marched to Yorktown where they joined the besieging Army; he here continued till the enemy surrendered and Lord Cornwallis was captured [October 19, 1781], from thence he was marched to Williamsburg & Hanover Courthouse and the prisoners taken at York – where he was taken sick and discharged and

returned home.

He has no papers having lost or deserted [?] his discharge, if he was ever furnished with a written one.

He would refer to Roger Thompson, Jonathan Mundy & William Maupin.

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 has resided in Albemarle all his life except when in the service of his country – and pursued the occupation of a farmer.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Richard Snow, X his mark

Thereupon the following interrogatories were propounded to the Applicant by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia in 1753

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

A. I have none.

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

A. I have always lived in Albemarle County where I now live.

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

A. I was drafted.

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

A. Captain Tucker Woodson (I think) Colonel not recollected, Captain Garland Burwell (I think was his name) Captain Hudson Martin, Captain Robert Jouett, Colonel Dandridge – General Wayne –

Roger Thompson¹ being 1st duly sworn in open Court says that he was at York in the militia Service when the applicant came there as a drafted militia man and which draft relieved the one which the deponent belonged.

Jonathan Mundy [sic Jonathan Munday]² being also sworn says that he was in service as a militia man at York, that when he was marched and arrived there he found the applicant in service and they there remained together in service until the surrender of Cornwallis.

[Roger Thompson, Jonathan Mundy & William Maupin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia Albemarle County Sc.

Personal [sic] appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County, Richard Snow, who being duly sworn, deposed & saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service or as to the precise periods of his service – but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, in the following grades, and about the periods as

¹ [Roger Thompson R10552](#)

² FPA S5795

stated of the War of the Revolution when such service is performed –

In the spring, I think of 1777, I was drafted at Charlottesville, in Albemarle, Virginia, for two months – and served out the tour as a private.

In the month of February or March, 1778, (he is not certain as to the month, though well recollects that there was a snow while he was in service) he was again drafted in the militia and served as a private for one month at the Albemarle Barracks.

In the month of March, I think, in 1779, I was again drafted for 18 months and served as a private at least 13 months – when he exchanged with a man who had been drafted for only 2 months [word illegibly faint] something to boot. I served out the tour of 2 months – the individual alluded to was named John McDaniel – the name of the Captain of the company to which I was transferred by the exchange was, I think John or Charles Hunton.

In August or September, in the year 1781, I was again drafted in the militia for a tour of 2 months & served as a private – he thinks he may have served the whole of the tour, except for a few days, being taken sick, he was discharged. Joshua Fry was the Lieutenant during this last tour & he thinks Samuel Murrell [?] was the Major – he cannot recollect the names of more officers, then all already stated in his declaration with those just named – it ought not to be expected after the lapse of half a century that privates in an Army should be enabled to furnish accurate information as to dates, incidents, & under whom they served.

The several drafts above mentioned all took place at Charlottesville and Albemarle Virginia.

For the foregoing services I claim a pension.

(Signed) Richard Snow, X his mark

Witness my hand this 21st day of June 1833

S/ Edmund Davis

[John Gibson, a Minister of the Gospel of the Methodist Church, gave a standard supporting affidavit and also attested to the credibility of Roger Thompson.]

Virginia Albemarle County, to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County, Richard Snow, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith – That at this distant day & by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot even recollect the names of all those, & nearly all, who were drafted & marched with him in the eighteen months tour mentioned in his declaration – he thinks that Uriah McDaniel, Campbell McCauley or the [illegibly faint words], Thomas Johnson, Samuel McCulloch and William Freeman were a part of those who were drafted & marched upon the occasion – all of them are now dead – and there lives no one, to his knowledge, by whom he could prove his actual service for the thirteen months of said tour – nor can he add to the particulars of his said declaration except, that at the time he made the exchange with John McDaniel, alluded to in his supplemental affidavit, the Regiment to which he the deponent was attached, was about marching to the southern states, perhaps South Carolina.

He further states that he has mentioned the periods of the war when he served to the best of his recollection – as, also, the length of his service, & the grade in which he served in language as definite as his memory enables him.

He further states that he has given the names of all the officers under whom he served that he can recollect.

He further deposeth and saith, that he has no documentary evidence of his service – he received he thinks, written discharges at the expiration of his several tours, but deeming them of

no value, he believes they have been long lost or mislaid.

[Signed]

[Attested by Opie Norris, JP]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53 33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]