

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Ward S14802

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State of Alabama Conecuh County: On this thirtieth day of August A.D. 1842 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable the Judge of the County Court of said Conecuh County, Thomas Ward a resident of the County and State aforesaid of about eighty years and six months old, 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 A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private in the militia of South Carolina under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He belonged to George King's company in Colonel John Baxter's Regiment Lieutenant Ella Swinton -- and Major Amos Windham -- under the directions of General Francis Marion -- and he served as a private in the South Carolina militia every third month and sometimes every other month from the first of January 1776 until October 1772.

1st -- The first tour of his Service was in George King's company under Major Irwin at See Wee Bay [sic, Sewee Bay] -- for one month -- or more.

2nd -- the next was under General Marion on Little Pedee [River] one month.

3rd -- In Captain Hutson's company under General Marion at Burch's Mill for one month.

4th -- He states that he served under Lieutenant King at Colonel Swinton's plantation one month.

5. -- He served in Captain Hutson's company under General Marion at Snow's Island one month.

6. -- He served under General Marion on Santee River below Murry's ferry [Murray's ferry?] one month.

7. -- And at Murry's ferry one month --

8. -- He served at Captain Crowder's plantation on Black River one month

9. -- The next Tour he served was in Captain Daniel Dubose's Company under Colonel Lincoln at Charleston for fifty-two days --

10. -- He served under Major Windham in a tour to Cashaway ferry on Pedee River one month

11. -- And on Santee River one month

12. -- And on McCord's plantation one month

13. -- He served at Canty's plantation where ninety British were taken and he aided in guarding them to Camden one month

14. -- He served at Singleton's Mills under Colonel Baxter one month.

15. -- He served as a volunteer under Colonel Wade at the mouth of Rocky River on Pedee one

month.

16. -- He served on Santee River one month

17. -- He was in service at the taking of Georgetown one month or more

18. -- He served on a tour in Captain Connell's Company on Jeffries Creek where Captain Connell was killed in a skirmish with the Tories --

19. -- He served on a tour at Wateree and had a skirmish with the British -- he served one month

He cannot recollect the Counties through which he passed but states that they were generally between Pedee & Santee Rivers in the State of South Carolina at such places as General Marion directed.

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.

To the interrogatories annexed him by the Court he makes the following answers on oath
1st That he was born on James River in the State of Virginia in the year A.D. 1761.

2. He has his age recorded in an old Bible which is in his possession

3. He states that he lived in Cheraw (now Darlington) District in the State of South Carolina.

That he lived in South Carolina 40 years after the Revolutionary War -- and 20 years in Conecuh County in the State of Alabama where he now resides.

4. That he was drafted for short tours of one month in which capacity he performed all his services except once he volunteered for one tour --

5. That he served the first tour under Major Irwin General Lincoln -- and afterwards under General Marion. That Colonels Horry, Perstel [?] & Mayam [sic, Hezekiah Maham] and Maj. Perstill -- were with them at times.

6. That he received discharges at various times and a final discharge from General Marion at Watboo [Wadboo] in October 1782 which have been lost or destroyed by fire in his father's house which was destroyed by fire some time after the Revolutionary War --

7. He states the names of Allen Page, Greene James, Nathan Coker, Nathan Mixon, John Mixon, James Andrews -- are his neighbors and can testify as to his veracity.

He states as a reason for not having applied for a pension earlier than his application in 1840 -- that he had been informed that none but regulars were entitled to pensions.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court

S/ Tho. Ward

[James Calloway, a clergyman, Allen Page and Greene James gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn pp 28-29; handwritten 2-page letter from the veteran pleading his case—interesting spelling, use of English, etc.-family members should read it.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months service as a private in the revolution.]