

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Robert Pace S15954

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State of Virginia } SS.
County of Goochland }

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the peace, the court of Goochland County, now sitting, Robert Pace, a resident of the county of Goochland and State of Virginia aged sixty 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated

I was drafted in the Militia the 19th day of June 1780 in the county of Goochland where I then resided & marched to Hillsborough in North Carolina under the command of Major [Nathaniel Garsden] Morris, Capt. [Edmund] Curd, Lieutenants [Francis] Pledge & Roberts [sic: probably George Robards] and ensign [Robert] Bradshaw, when we arrived at Hillsborough we joined the 4th Regiment under the command of General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Colonels [John] Glenn & [John] Nicholas: we continued there until about the 1st of August 1780; we marched from there to near Camden where we engaged in a battle [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug], under General [Horatio] Gates commander in chief, & was defeated: after the battle I fell in with General Stephens & marched back to Hillsborough where the men deserted leaving only about a dozen in our company: we marched from thence to a place called new Garden [now in Greensboro NC] and continued there a while, thence to a place called Hogans creek [in present Rockingham County]; thence to Guilford Courthouse & continued there until the last day of October 1780, where we were discharged from the army. — In the month of January 1781 I was called into service again and marched from Major Woodsons in the lower end of Goochland county to different points on James River below Richmond, & stationed principally at Cabbin Point [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County] as certified by Stephen Johnson where we were discharged. — I was called out again in the early part of the Spring of 1781 and marched below Richmond to different points on James river under the command of Capt. Richardson of Hanover County, who commanded a company of Infantry, and watched the movement of the enemy, and fired on one of their vessels in the River. we continued in service at this time about one month as well as I can recollect. — I was called out again the same year 1781 in the month of September, and continued in service being at the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], till the surrender of Cornwallis and marched as guard of the prisoners to Winchester where I was discharged. I received a written discharge some where, the place I dont certainly recollect which I have lost. — I have such an imperfect recollection of the length of the different tours that I cant say positively how long I was in service, but think I was in actual service at least eight months. I have no documentary evidence. — I have no knowledge of any living person that can testify as to my service, except John Clements (pension application S12511), Archer Thurston & Stephen Johnson taken before justices of the peace in Goochland County & hereto annexed, not being able to procure attendance of the witnesses before the Court.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Robert Pace