

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Peck S18156

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Virginia Mason County: to wit

On this Third day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the County Court held before the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Mason Peter Peck a resident of the Lower platts [?] in the County of Mason and State of Virginia who was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1755 and is now aged 77 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year A.D. 1777 when he was about 22 years of age in the County of Shenandoah Virginia for one year in the second Regiment of the Virginia Line (it is believed) under the following named officers and detailed circumstances.

The Company into which he enlisted and served his time was commanded by one Thomas Tanton, or Taunton [?], he immediately marched through Maryland and in that State was attached to a Regiment commanded by a Colonel whose name is now forgotten – he marched with that Regiment into Pennsylvania and after reaching headquarters was placed under the Command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] – was at and fought in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] after that battle retreated with the main body of the American Army – Captain Tanton's Company and this applicant was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Tipton [possibly John Tipton] under his Command was at and engaged in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] – after the aforesaid battle he was marched to Virginia and was engaged principally at and in the vicinity of Portsmouth Virginia which was then in the possession of the British at the expiration of his term of Enlistment, he was discharged in the County of Shenandoah and his written discharge then obtained was soon lost in consequence of his then and still believing that he was not entitled to any Land.

He then volunteered for three months in a Company under Captain James Tate [? name written over and not clear] marched to North Carolina Joined the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene] and participated in the battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] North Carolina and after that battle his term of service expiring he was discharged in North Carolina and returned to Shenandoah Virginia.

He was then drafted in the County of Shenandoah and served under the Command of Captain Cunningham was at Portsmouth Virginia principally while discharging this tour of duty – there he hired a substitute to finish his tour and went to Augusta County Virginia.

And when there was again drafted and [several words obliterated by an ink blot] Captain whose name is now forgotten but his Lieutenant's name was Jno Wilson [John Wilson] – during this tour of duty he aided at Yorktown Virginia in capturing Lord Cornwallis and was detached

on the happening of that event to guard the prisoners taken at Yorktown to Winchester Frederick County Virginia where he was discharged his term of service there expiring.

The last mentioned tour of duty but one the applicant can and will prove by [name written over and illegible, could be intended to have been "Thomas Waddle] of the County of Mason Virginia who saw this applicant in actual service whilst he himself was in a like manner serving his Country at [word written over, appears to be "Portsmouth"] Virginia.

He has no written discharge of any kind having lost them all.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State whatever.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Peck Sen., X his mark

[Isaac Robinson and Thomas Waddel<sup>1</sup> gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared in open Court Thomas Waddle who made oath that he saw Peter Peck senr. who has signed and sworn to the above declaration in the service of his Country as a soldier in the revolutionary war at Portsmouth Virginia whilst he the affiant was himself serving a tour of Militia duty.

S/ Thos Woodel



Virginia Mason County: to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mason and Commonwealth of Virginia the within named Peter Peck who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent will also of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise day of his entering war leaving the service the different times he was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War – But according to the best of his recollection he entered the Service in his first Tour of duty or Enlistment as mentioned in the within declaration on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1777 and was discharged on the first day of July 1778. – But he is positive that he was on that occasion one year and the Service and believes a few days over during the whole of which period he served in the ranks as a private soldier – His second Tour of Duty in chronological order is the third enumerated in the within declaration – but is now marked with red ink "Second Tour of Duty". He entered the service in performance of this tour of the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1778 and discharged the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1779 having served three months as a private soldier – His third Tour of duty in chronological order is the second narrated in the within declaration but is now marked "Third Tour of Duty" in red ink. He entered the service in performance of this tour of Duty sometime in the month of February, the precise day not recollected but believes it to have been on or about the 14<sup>th</sup> day 1779 as he well recollects that he was in the battle on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March of that year and that the battle was fought the day after he joined the Army and that from the distance marched and the times spent in preparation therefore that it must have been about a month before the battle that he joined the troops. This Tour of duty he also served as a private soldier and was discharged in the month of May somewhere between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>.

His fourth and last Tour of duty was entered upon also as a private soldier as near as he

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Waddell \(Woodell, Waddle\) S11697](#)

recollects on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1781 and believes that he was discharged about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December the same year – this affiant may possibly have made some mistake as to the dates not having learnt in his youth and still being unable to read or write but there is one thing which he positively asserts that he cannot be mistaken about and that is that he faithfully served his country during the war of the revolution one year & nine months at least and for such services he claims a pension.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1??3 [second and third digits written over and illegible, presumably "1833"]

S/Peter Peck, X his mark

And by way of supplement to the declaration the following interrogatories were put to me the applicant which with the answers are as follows

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the year 1755 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August

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

Ans. I have no record of my age I only know it by knowing how old I was when I left my father's house.

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

Ans. I was living in Shenandoah County Virginia when I enlisted in the year 1777 and at the expiration of that and of each successive tour of Duty I always return to that County where my parents lived since the Revolutionary War I have lived a part of the time in Shenandoah County Virginia, but for the last 30 years I have lived in Mason County Virginia where I still continued to live.

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

Ans. I was called into the service at various times in various ways – the first of my service was by Enlistment for one year – the second time I was drafted the third time I volunteered – the fourth time I was drafted – I never was a Substitute for anyone

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ans. At this distance of time I cannot recollect the names of any other of the regular offices other than what is set forth in my declaration. Moreover I am not certain whether all of the offices they are mentioned were regular officers but in addition to my declaration I will repeat the names here again with some additional ones not therein inserted – my Captain's name Thomas Fauntun the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment to which I was attached first I do not recollect – but General Muhlenberg commanded the brigade to which the Regiment I belonged to was attached. After the battle of Brandywine I know General Washington commanded the Army and further no that General de Lafayette was in the Army at the time and was in the battle – After that battle Colonel Tipton commanded the Regiment to which I belonged and I further note that at the battle of Germantown the Army was commanded by General Washington my Captain's name who commanded my second tour of duty was Cunningham there were at Portsmouth Virginia Colonel Mathews and Bowyer the name of the General officer not recollected – my third Tour of duty was under Captain Tate who was killed at the battle of Guilford Court house – there the Army was under the Command of General green my fourth and last tour of duty was under a Captain whose name as I have stated in my

declaration I did not name and cannot yet recollect my Lieutenant's name was John Wilson at Yorktown I know that General Washington commanded the Army and I saw there again General de Lafayette I do not recollect any particular Continental regiments but well know that Continental or regular troops were with us at Brandywine, Germantown, Guilford court house and Yorktown at which last place there was a great many French troops.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I believe that I have received more than one discharge but by whom it was given if by the word given is meant signed I do not know as I could not read writing or print – my discharges are all lost long ago.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Among the many persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood the following are some – known to the Government viz. Doctor Jesse Bennett, William Sterrett [?], Esqr., Late clerk of the court of Mason County, Thomas Lewis Esquire, the present Clerk of the County Isaac Robinson – Thomas Waddle, Benjamin Thomas Esquire, the Post Master at Point Pleasant as well as nearly all of the Justices of Mason County amongst the number of which the Justices put to me the question I am answering – I have no doubt that all those as well as many more to whom I am known can testify to my character for veracity – and their belief of my service as a soldier of the revolution.

All of which answers were sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for the County of Mason the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833.

S/ Peter Peck, Sen., X his mark

S/ A. Waggener

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for nine months in the Virginia militia.]