

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Myers S1862

f20NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

6/5/09: rev'd 10/13/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 5]

State of Tennessee Lincoln County: County Court October Term 1832

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the County Court of Lincoln County & State of Tennessee, now sitting, Thomas Myers, a resident of said County of Lincoln aged about 70 years on the 10th of March next 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.

I was born on the 10th day of March 1763 according to a record now in my possession & in Bertie County North Carolina -- at the time I entered the service I lived in Anson County North Carolina -- Sometime in the month of September of the year 1780, according to the best of my recollection, but I cannot now remember precisely at what time, I volunteered in a Regiment of Cavalry which was raised in Anson County, commanded by Colonel Thomas Wade & Lieutenant Colonel or Major Fair [James Farr], but Fair had the principal command generally as Colonel Wade was not much with us. The Company to which I belonged was commanded by Captain Patrick Bogan [Patrick Boggan] & Lieutenant Patrick Bogan. We rendezvoused at a place that I think was called Mays Mill on Jones Creek where we were stationed for some days we were then marched to Lynch Creek just in the edge of South Carolina to procure some beeves for the Army under General Greene, who was then somewhere in North Carolina, but I do not know where -- we succeeded in procuring beeves and carried them back to our Station at the mill, and they were sent on to the Army -- we then went over on Drowning Creek and were there engaged for some time in scouting parties against the Tories who were then quite numerous in that part of the Country -- and had a small skirmish with them as were passing a swamp called "Shoe Heel" -- we then returned to our station and were stationed at Captain Bogan's -- we were then engaged in scouting parties against the Tories, in Anson County sometimes by day & sometimes in the night -- Sometimes we crossed over Pedee River into Richmond County and sometimes we marched down to the adjoining point of South Carolina -- Sometime in February following the time for which we had volunteered (which was 5 months) having expired, we were dismissed and went home -- Some few weeks after we were dismissed, the Tories still continuing numerous and continuing to molest the Country, we were compelled to turn out against them and a considerable number of us formed ourselves into a volunteer company, and went into different parts of the County & into the edge of South Carolina against them -- we were in this expedition about 2 or 3 weeks, and about a week after which we had to go on another expedition of the same nature, in which we were engaged about 2 weeks --

Sometime in the summer of 1781 (I think about the middle of June) I was drafted in the North Carolina militia for 3 months in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Malbide [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] (which I think was his name) who was a Frenchman -- the company to which I belonged was commanded by Captain William Bracken [William Brackin] and Lieutenant Martin Clement -- we were marched down to Camden in South Carolina where we joined the forces under General Greene [Nathanael Greene], the Regiment was engaged in the battle with the British at Camden [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], but I was not engaged in that battle in consequence of indisposition -- a short time after the fight between Greene's Army and the British at Camden, we were marched down into South Carolina and finally made an attack on the British at a place called Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], where we killed & wounded eight or nine hundred of the enemy and took about three hundred prisoners -- After the Battle the company I belonged to & 2 or 3 others were dispatched with the prisoners which we had taken, to guard them to Salisbury North Carolina -- when we had gone as far as Camden with the prisoners, the commander of the guard, whose name I now forget, concluded that he had enough men to guard them without my company, and we were about to be sent back to the Army, when a few more prisoners were taken, and as our time was nearly out, we told our Colonel, that if he would give us our discharges, we would take them on to Salisbury & then go home which was accordingly [done] and [we] went on to Salisbury with the prisoners and then went home -- I was not acquainted with any of the officers of the regulars but I was well acquainted with General Marion [Francis Marion] -- I continued to live in Anson County North Carolina till about 13 years since, when I moved to this County where I now live -- I received a discharge from Colonel Malmedy from my 3 months tour but is lost -- I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can conveniently procure to testify to my services.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert S. Inge, Clerk

S/ Thomas Myers, X his mark

[Henry Ledbetter, a clergyman, Jeremiah Bryan & Cornelius W. McGuire gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]