

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Payne S3627

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County

On the 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the County Court of Sumner now in setting, John Payne, a resident in the county and state aforesaid, aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to the law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in Bedford County, Virginia for two years on the 9th of February 1776 under Capt. Gross Scrugs [Gross Scruggs], was attached to the 5th Regiment of the Virginia Line, commanded by Col. Stevens or Stevenson [probably Edward Stevens], marched to Portsmouth, in Virginia, and remained there and in its vicinity until the 11th day of August when applicant, who had been in such bad health that he had been incapable of performing duty, was discharged by Capt. Scruggs by permission of Col. Stevens upon Furlough until he should recover and be able to perform duty, when he was again to return to his company. Applicant continued unable to do duty for a long [time] after the two years expired. After Capt. Scruggs had served out his term of two years and returned home, he gave applicant a full and complete discharge. Applicant will here state all of his officers: Col. Stevens or Stevenson, Major Isaiah Parker & Major __ Parker, Capt. Gross Scruggs, 1st Lt. Isham Talbot, 2nd Lt. Joseph Arly & Ensign Barney Arthur. The 4th Regiment of the Virginia Line was stationed also at Portsmouth the officers not now recollected, except Capts. Brunt & Morton. Applicant has either lost or mislaid his furlough and discharge; he has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person living whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ John Payne, X his mark

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