

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Ralph S38323

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Virginia, Augusta County, to wit,

This day Thomas Ralph, of the County aforesaid, personally appeared before me, John Brown, Judge of the Chancery District Court holden at us Staunton in the County & State aforesaid, & being sworn, saith, That in the month of March 1781, he enlisted, as a private, for one year, and Captain McCrae's¹ company of Infantry in the North Carolina line, or Continental establishment; -- he has no recollection of the number of the Regiment to which he was attached, Butler in numbers he was commanded by Colonel Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree]; He was immediately marched to Guilford Court House, & partook of the dangers of the Battle at that place, having received a severe wound during the engagement; -- He was also in the engagement at Eutaw Springs; -- He faithfully served his country during the period of his enlistment, & at the expiration thereof, at the request of General Greene, continued in the service until the first May following, when he was discharged at Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina; -- At the time of his discharge, he was commanded by Captain Elijah Moore (of Colonel Murphy's Regiment) the successor of Captain Goodwin [sic, William Goodman] (killed at Eutaw Springs) who had taken the command of Captain McCrae's Company on his promotion to the rank of Major. -- This affiant had a regular discharge, which, together with his House & all his property, was, some years since, destroyed by fire. -- This Affiant also saith, that he never had a pension allowed him by the laws of the United States; -- That he is in very reduced circumstances, having for many years past been on the Court list of his parish, -- & that he greatly stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & cost the seal of office of the said court to be affixed the 18th day of April 1818.

S/ Jno Brown

State of Virginia Augusta County, to wit,

On this 17th day of July 1820, in open Court being a Court of record for Augusta County, (in which proceeding and had according to the course of the common law, which has unlimited jurisdiction within the said County, has the power of fine and imprisonment and has all its proceedings duly registered) personally appeared Thomas Ralph aged about 76 years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he entered with Captain McCray in Guilford County North Carolina, was then marched in company to Salisbury & was attached to the first Battalion of the North Carolina line commanded by ____, that he was in the Battles of the Cowpens,

¹ This is probably a reference to Griffith John McRee (McRae).

Guilford Court house, Ninety Six and Eutaw Springs, that he was severely wounded in both arms, and that he was discharged at Bacon bridge [sic, Bacon's Bridge] in the month of June 1783: He is now unable from age and infirmity to do almost any kind of labor. He has already made a declaration under the act of Congress passed on the 18th of March 1818, the date of which declaration he does not recollect. His pension Certificate is dated the 7th day of January 1819. He further swears that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that h has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed -- he further states that he has no family, and that he is compelled to pay a considerable part of his pension for his board washing and lodging and that he has no property other than necessary bedding and wearing apparel and therefore can give no schedule.

S/ Thomas Ralph, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 17th day of July 1820 before the Superior Court of Law of Augusta County

S/ Chesley Kenney, Clerk