

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Yorkshire S41394

VA

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Augusta County Virginia Sct

On this fourth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred & eighteen came before me John Brown Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery by law appointed to be holden at Stanton [sic: Staunton] in the said County of Augusta Thomas Yorkshire who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist declared as follows Viz That about the year 1779 he enlisted as a private in the Company of Capt Adam Wallace which composed a part of Colo. Buforts [sic: Abraham Buford's] Regiment of regulars on Continental establishment; from Stanton where he was enlisted he was marched to Petersburg Virginia About the year 1780 he marched with his regiment to South Carolina as it was sent for the relief of Charleston which was then besieged by the British forces. When they came within about thirty miles of Charleston [at Leneud's Ferry on Santee River] they were met by some of the Cavalry belonging to Colo William Washington's Corps who informed them that the city had surrendered [on 12 May 1780], in consequence of which the troops commenced their retreat. At a place called the hanging rock in North Carolina (as he believes) [near Waxhaws settlement about 12 mi N of Hanging Rock in SC, on 29 May] they were overtaken by Tarltons Corps of Cavalry with infantry mounted behind the cavalry [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] who immediately commenced an attack on the American troops [see endnote]. the cavalry with their sabers & the infantry charged with their bayonets. In the conflict the said Yorkshire was wounded in the wrist & shoulder with a sword & captured by the enemy and next day permitted to depart on parole [oath not to return to service until exchanged]; he returned to Stanton in the neighbourhood of which he has since generally resided (except three years during which he served in the western Army under Genl [Anthony] Wayne in Capt. Thomas Lewis's company) When he enlisted in Capt Adam Wallace's Company he engaged to serve during the war that he was in actual service about one year or more from the time of his enlistment untill his capture and was prevented from serving the residue of the time for which he engaged by not being exchanged & therefore he never got any discharge. The said Yorkshire further declares that he is sixty six years of age in humble & reduced circumstances. That he has never received any pension or other allowance from the United States. The said Thomas further declares that in the year 1776 he enlisted in the Company of Capt John Sims [sic: John Symmes or Jonathan Symmes] 10th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment & served three years.
Thomas hisXmark Yorkshire
[John Ballard, pension application S37721, certified that he knew Yorkshire during the service under Buford.]

State of Virginia

Augusta County to wit,

On this 26th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County, Thomas Yorkshire aged about Seventy one years, resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. he enlisted with Lt Wm. Christian [William Christian] in Staunton in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia on the 19th day of December 1776. was one of Captain John Symes Company of the 10th Virginia Regiment and was marched in Company to Philadelphia, and was there marched to the Brigade of Gen'l. George Weedon. that he was marched from Philadelphia to Middlebrook from thence to Brandy Wine [sic: Brandywine. that he was in the battles of Brandy Wine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth Court House [28 Jun 1778], that he was discharged in the month of December 1779 and that he again inlisted with Colo. Sampson Mathews in the month of December 1780 in Staunton in Virginia, that he then marched from Staunton to Petersburg in Virginia where he was attached to Captain Adam Wallaces Company and Blufords regiment. that he was thence marched to

South Carolina, and was afterwards taken prisoner at said Blufords Defeat at the hanging rock, where he was severely wounded. he received a wound in the hip with a sword, and a wound in the wrist with the same instrument, that he is unable to obtain a livelihood by labour, and that he believes his inability has been produced by the wounds he received in the service of his Country.

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 now recollect. his pension certificate is dated the 8th day of Jany 1819. He solemnly 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 other manner, disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 he has not nor has any person in Trust for him, any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor has he any property save his wearing apparel, and therefore can give no Schedule. The said declarant further deposeth, that he lives with his daughter, who lost her husband in the service of his Country during the late war, that she is very poor and can contribute nothing towards his support having herself and an infant child to maintain by her own exertions, that his occupation is that of a farmer, and that he is rendered unable by infirmity, produced as he believes by his wounds and sufferings in the war of the revolution to follow his occupation

Thomas hisXmark Yorkshire

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Augusta County Virginia to wit

This day came before me Alex'r StClair a Justice of the peace for said county Thomas Yorkshire who being first sworn according to Law Deposeth & sayeth That he Inlisted as a Soldier he thinks in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Six in Captain John Simms Company of the Tenth Virginia Regiment comanded by Colonel Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] and continued in that Regiment untill the Battle of Brandywine and then Removed to Captain Lambs Company of the Eighth Virginia Regiment comanded by Colonel George Mathews and continued there untill taken prisoner at Germantown Battle and was detained prisoner about six month when he made his escape and Joined his own Regiment at the Valley Forge where he was Regularly Discharged by General Washington – and he again enlisted he thinks in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Nine in Captain James Culbertsons Company of Colonel Bluefords Regiment and Removed to Capt. Adam Wallace's Company of said Regiment and Marched with said Regiment to South Carolina and taken a prisoner at the Battle of the Hanging Rock and then paroled. And that he has never Received any pay while a prisoner at Philedelphia nor drawn any Depreciation of pay Neither has Received any pay while in Colo. Bluefords Regiment – and that he also enlisted in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety two in Captain Thomas Lewis Company and continued Three years in General Waynes Army and was Regularly discharged and gave his discharge to his Captain Who then lived at the Sweet [several words missing from online image] satisfaction from said Lewis. Neither has he ever empowered any person or persons but his son John Yorkshire to settle for his Land or pay.

Thos hisXmark Yorkshire

to be decided on/ postponed 1811

NOTES:

Tarleton first sent a demand that Buford surrender within an hour. Buford refused and was then attacked.

There is a file for “Yourkshire, Thomas” in [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) containing a court certification of Thomas Yorkshire's serve and a note from the Auditor's Office of Virginia stating that no record could be found of his service.

On 6 Dec 1850 a William Craig of Staunton wrote that he was the administrator of Thomas

Yorkshire, who died about 20 Feb 1837.

On 21 May 1853 Nancy Woods, who had already received bounty land for the service of her husband who was killed in the War of 1812, applied for any uncollected pension due for the service of her father, Thomas Yorkshire.