

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Price S5954

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Virginia Hanover County, to wit,

On this 25th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of the said County now sitting Thomas Price Senior a resident of the County of Hanover and State of Virginia, aged seventy-eight 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 act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the State of Virginia, at the commencement of the troubles which preceded the Revolution; was a volunteer in the Gunpowder expedition under Patrick Henry, in the spring of 1775, and is the only survivor of the sixty who engaged in it – That he served on this occasion one month – That afterwards in the same year, he became a Lieutenant in the company of volunteers from Hanover under Captain John Winston in the Regiment of Colonel Meredith [Samuel Meredith], and marched on the first of April to Williamsburg, that he served in that place and its neighborhood 6 months – That in June he was sent with Captain George Nicholas and Sir John Pettus, to reconnoiter the Governor's Seat called Portobello, and to discover whether he was on shore, That they saw him in his oat field, captured two of his Mariners and returned to Williamsburg – That the troops were immediately marched to the place, but Dunmore had escaped, alarmed, it is supposed, by a slave who was released by the reconnoitering party, That he marched to York once, where a part of the Regiment was stationed – That the next year he joined the minute service and was again a Lieutenant in the company of Captain Winston from the same County; That Meredith was Colonel and James was Major; That he marched with those troops to Hampton in the first of April, and they are supplied the place of the Regiment of regulars formally stationed at Hampton – That he well remembers the bonfire and war dance, made at that place on account of the Declaration of Independent; That while in Hampton he made a trip in James Baron's boat (as it was called) and sailed out of the Capes to watch the enemy; That they boarded a wreck which they met with and towed it in, that sometime in the fall of the same year his Regiment was removed to Portsmouth to occupy the place of Colonel Dawson's Regiment of regulars, and that he remained at that place till the last of December, making a service of nine months on this occasion; That he was in no battle, but frequently saw the enemy shipping in the road; That he saw Colonel Dawson's Regiment parade preparatory to leaving Portsmouth, and was much struck with the fine appearance of the commander – That in the year 1778 he became a Captain in the militia, and some time afterwards was detailed to procure provisions as a Commissary; That he was authorized to press and give certificates, and that he established a Depot at his house in the forks of Hanover, – That he served in this capacity twelve months – That on Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] Invasion the whole militia of Hanover was called into service, and he marched his company on the first of January 1781 to

Cobham – That there the troops crossed the River and marched down to Cabin Point – That the enemy had returned to Portsmouth and he was stationed at Cabin Point and served three months – That he was not in any battle – That he saw old Baron Steuben, at that time, commanding in Virginia – That he does not remember any other Officer, – That he then returned to his own County at the instance of the Commanding Officer, and again was employed as a commissary with a Captain's Commission – eight months – That when the Army was retreating before the enemy, through that part of the country, having collected large stores, he waited on Governor Nelson then with the Army at Davenport's Ford, to inform him of the fact, and to procure wagons to remove them, but that Nelson replied, that the enemy would be own him in 3 days, and that he must do the best he could – That accordingly in a very few days the enemy encamped on the hill near his Mill & destroyed as much of the Public property in his possession as they could – That on the 20th of September in the same year, he was ordered to York Town – That he marched in served with the same Commission, on the Gloucester Shore one month – That Colonel Baytop commanded the Regiment, That he saw no regulars there, but went to York and witnessed the capitulation [October 19, 1781] – That he saw the French Cavalry & some infantry at the Gloucester Shore and that he was not in any battle – That he was born in the Forks of Hanover the 29th of August 1754, and that he has continued to live in the same neighborhood; that he has a copy from the family register, made by his father, as he supposes – That he has received many commissions and orders but never preserve them, and that he has no documentary evidence, that John Hill,¹ Hensley Grubbs² and John Mallory³ are the only persons in his knowledge who can testify to any part of his services – and that he would refer for his character and the reputation of his services to Doctor Carter Berkeley, Doctor Joseph M Sheppard and Charles Thompson Senior in his neighborhood, and also to John Marshall Esquire, Andrew Stevenson and Bishop Moore of the City of Richmond.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thos. Price

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Price". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Thos. Price".

[John Cooke, a clergyman, and Carter Berkeley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I John Hill a Citizen residing in the said County, hereby depose that I have long known Captain Thomas Price who has subscribed the above declaration, that in January 1776 he joined the minute service and became a Lieutenant of the Hanover Company of which John Winston was Captain, that in the first of April that Company was called into service, that said Price marched in it, that he saw him with the troops at Hampton & at Portsmouth and that he continued with them in the same station until they were discharged in the end of that year.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Hill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "John Hill".

¹ FPA S5536

² [Hensley Grubbs S37962](#)

³ FPA W3436

I Hensley Grubbs a resident of the said County, hereby certify that Captain Thomas Price Senior who has subscribed the foregoing declaration was the Lieutenant of the company of minute men from Hanover commanded by John Winston, that he marched with that Company when called into service and that he continued with it in the same station till discharged.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hensley Grubbs



I John Mallory a citizen of the said County hereby depose that Captain Thomas Price who has subscribed the foregoing declaration was Lieutenant in the minute service from Hanover and served the whole tour from the 4th day of April until the last of December; that he afterwards became Captain in the Militia, that at Arnold's invasion he marched his company into service with the whole Militia of the County and crossed James River at Cobham, and that he again marched his company in the service about the time of the siege of York, and I do further certify that said Price acted as commissary for a long time during the revolution and that the British troops under Lord Cornwallis destroyed a large quantity of provisions collected by said Price and in store at his Mill.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Mallory, X his mark

Personally appeared before me an acting and the presiding Magistrate for the County of Hanover State of Virginia, Captain Thomas Price who in compliance with the regulations of the War Department makes the following affidavit to amend his Declaration. That from the lapse of time said Deponent cannot recollect the precise periods of time at which he entered and left the service; but states that he is certain from the best of his recollection that he served in the revolutionary war, one month as a soldier, fifteen months as a Lieutenant, twenty months as a commissary while holding a Captain's Commission and 4 months as Commandant of a Company

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born[?]

Answer – I was born in Hanover the 29th of August 1754

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I found my register in my Father's Bible.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I have lived in the forks of Hanover from my birth up to the present times

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute? And if a Substitute for whom?

Answer – I volunteered under Patrick Henry on the Gunpowder expedition early in the year 1775, in the same year a Regiment of volunteers was organized under the command of Colonel Samuel Meredith, in which I served 6 months alternately at Williamsburg, and York, as a Lieutenant under the command of Captain John Winston, in the succeeding year, 1776, a Regiment of minute men was organized commanded by Colonel Samuel Meredith and Major James in which I acted as Lieutenant under Captain John Winston, marched the first April to Hampton, to take the place of regular Troops, who had just left when we arrived, where we remained some time after the Declaration of Independence, from thence we were ordered to Portsmouth, where we found a Regiment of regular Troops, under the command of Colonel

Dorson [Dawson?], this tour was 9 months duration. In the latter end of 1777, or early in 1778 I was appointed a Captain of the Militia, and whilst holding that commission, I acted 20 months as commissary on the first January 1781, the whole Militia of the County of Hanover was called, I marched my Company of crossed James River at Cobham, a few miles above Westham, marched down South side of James River, to Cabin Point, that tour was 3 months, when I was ordered by my Commanding officer to return to Hanover, and resumed my office as Commissary, still holding the Captaincy, on the 20th September same year, I was ordered to the siege of York, that he marched down the Gloucester shore, under the command of Colonel Baytop, and served one month –

Question 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops, where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service –

Answer – I have stated before in my Declaration as far as my recollection serves me –

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

Answer – I have no recollection upon that subject.

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

Answer – I have given sufficient names in the foregoing declaration.

S/ Thomas Price

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 21, 1836. In 1850 his only surviving children were Joseph F Price, Elizabeth Dabney, Patrick H Price and Jane D Winston, wife of Philip B Winston. That is no other family data in this file and there is no doubt of regarding the veteran's wife.]

[Veteran's heirs were allowed a pension at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending December 21, 1836 when he died. His only surviving children were Joseph F Price, Elizabeth Dabney, Patrick H Price & Jane Winston.]