

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Throckmorton S6212

VA

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Virginia to wit:

On the 25th day of September 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Halifax County now sitting Richard Throckmorton a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 69 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 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States about the 1st of May 1780 being drafted in the County of Henrico we rendezvoused in the town of Richmond & joined the Hanover militia in the said Town. I was attached to a Company commanded by Capt Sharp [probably Richard Sharp] Lieut. Owen & Ensign Frasier and marched with them under the Command of Majr Mosby [possibly William Mosby] to Petersburg from thence we marched to Dinwiddie Courthouse crossed the Roanoke River at Taylor's ferry [S of Boydton VA] entered the State of North Carolina and marched direct to Hillsborough I was there transferred to Capt Daniel's Company and joined the army at that place under Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] from there the whole of this Army under the Command of Gen'l. Stephens marched to Deep River and were stationed there a few days and then went on direct to Rugeley's Mills in the State of South Carolina there we united with Gen'l [Horatio] Gates and Baron De Kalb, on the 15th day of August and were ordered to march at 10 O'clock that night to Camden On the march of said night we met with the British and had some firing but fell back until day light when a very severe battle was fought about 6 miles from Camden under the control of Genl Gates [16 Aug 1780]. We were defeated by the british who were commanded by Lord Cornwallis. We retreated and I joined Capt Daniels Company again in Guilford County, North Carolina about 4 miles above [west of] the Courthouse at a place called New Garden where we staid about four weeks and marched from that place to Guilford Courthouse and staid there some time from thence we went to Hogans creek in the said County [now Rockingham County] and staid there some time, then marched back to the Courthouse and remained in the neighbourhood of that place until the last day of October when we marched up to the Courthouse delivered our arms and were discharged by Capt Daniel and Capt Goodall [probably Parke Goodall] no field officers being with us. The whole time of service rendered on this tour was six months my discharge is lost or mislaid and cannot be found I have no documentary evidence and know no person living that was in the service with me on this tour.

On the 5th day of January 1781 when [Benedict] Arnold the british Genl. arrived in the town of Richmond I again entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer with a Majr [Alexander] Dick who commanded a small force near that place. We were forced to retreat and rallied at the new Bridge on Chickahominy about 6 miles from Richmond. The british left Richmond and we marched down to Morben Hills [sic: Malvern Hill, 15 mi SE of Richmond] and were stationed there about two weeks then marched down to West Dover [sic: Westover on James River opposite Richmond] and from there to Charles City Ct. House staid one night and marched on to Williamsburg and remained there until I was discharged early in the month of march 1781. The whole time of service rendered on this tour was two months my discharge is lost and cannot be found I know not a person living that was in the service with me on that tour.

About the 1st of April 1781 I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer from the County of Henrico and joined Col Pleasants Regiment in Gen'l. [Thomas] Nelson's Brigade and with them in various directions in the State of Virginia until we arrived to a Church called Mount Ponee [Mount Pony] in the County of Culpeper where we remained until I was discharged by Col Pleasants about the 1st of June 1781. I do not now recollect the Company Officer that commanded me on this tour, my discharge is lost and cannot be found the time of service rendered in this tour was two months

Early in the month of July 1781 I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Colo [Holt] Richardson's Regiment in Genl Nelson's brigade and served with them a tour of two months and

was discharged [by] Colo Richardson in the lower end of King William County I do not now recollect the company officers that I was under We were generally on a retreat from the british and never stationed long at any one place my discharge is lost and cannot be found the time of service rendered is two months.

In the month of October 1781 I enlisted for during of the war in the County of Henrico with Nathaniel Miller who was then raising troops that were termed the State's Legion I was several times ordered to the Bolling Green [sic: Bowling Green] in the County of Caroline but was never in actual service I remained in this situation until the end of the war.

I was born in the County of Henrico in the year 1763. my age was recorded in the Church Books of said County. I lived in the County of Henrico when I entered the service of the Revolution I lived in the said County until the year 1790. then moved to the county of Halifax Virginia and lived there ever since.

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

Richd. Throckmorton