

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Francis Turnley S6281

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State of Virginia } SS
County of Spotsylvania }

On this seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Spotsylvania Francis Turnley a resident of and in the County of Spotsylvania and state of Virginia aged Seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year [blank] with [blank] and served in the [blank] regiment of the [blank] line under the following named officers. He was drafted in the Virginia Militia in Spotsylvania County under Capt Croucher [probably Thomas Croucher] in October 1780. He marched from this county thro Hanover New Kent and James City and thence to Petersburg where he was discharged. On this tour he continued three months. He then returned home and was drafted under Capt. Frank Coleman [Francis Coleman] and marched to Culpeper and Fredericksburg. He here again continued three months. He again returned home and was drafted under Capt [John] Tankersley and marched down to the seabord thro Hanover, James City and the James River Country. He was at the fight at Osbornes [see note below] and also at the Surrender of Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. He was here discharged by the original certificate of Major Wood Jones on the 21 October 1781. He was with Capt Tankersley four months making in all ten months — He was born in 1762. He has no record of his age with him. He has always lived in Spotsylvania County. He recollects Col Holt Richardson, Col Thos Meriwether Major Wood Jones and Captains Taylor and Carter. He herewith produces his discharge [not found in the file].

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or 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. [signed] Francis Turnley

NOTE: On 27 Apr 1781 Gen. Benedict Arnold scattered Virginia Militiamen at Osborne's Landing on James River in Chesterfield County.