

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Essex Worsham S6447

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State of Virginia}

Pittsylvania County} towit.

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting Essex Worsham a resident of the said County of Pittsylvania in the state aforesaid aged Seventy four 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 7 1832. that he entered the service of the United States as a Militia Soldier being drafted and marched from the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia to the best of his recollection in the fall of the year 1778 in a Company under the Command of Capt William Tinner through Chesterfield County to Richmond where the Company joined some other troops and marched from that place to Mins[?] ferry on James River where they were stationed about two weeks when the whole of them were discharged by General Orders consequently he has no written discharge nor does he know any person living that was in service with him at that time. the whole of the time of service rendered on this tour was six weeks.

That he again entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 as a substitute for his Brother Henry Worsham and joined Captain Creed Haskins Company of Militia in the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia and marched with them through Richmond to Williamsburg where the Company joined the army under General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and marched with him to the juncture of Mattapony and Pamunky [sic: West Point at junction of Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers] from thence they were regularly marching in various directions not being stationed long at any one place untill their term of service expired. He was discharged at Williamsburg by Colo Dourman [probably William Downman] some time in the summer of the year 1779 his discharge is lost and cannot be found nor does he know any person living that was in that service with him. the whole time of service rendered on this tour was three months.

That he again entered the service of the United States being drafted and marched from the County of Amelia in Captain Crawley's [possibly William Crowley's] Company of Militia in the month of October 1780 but was transfered to Capt. Richard Allens Company from Cumberland and marched through the Town of Petersburg to Cabin point on James River [in Surry County] from thence to Stoners Mill [possibly Stone's Mill near Jamestown] where the company joined the Main Army under Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson in the Regiment under Major Boyce and Colo. Downman, they remained at the said Mill about three weeks and then marched down to the Chuckituck [sic: Chuckatuck] Mills from thence to Suffolk, from thence to Edmonds Hill about 12 miles from Norfolk; they remained at that place about seven weeks then marched up to the said Chuckituck Mills and were stationed there untill they were discharged. He was discharged at that place by Capt. Scott in the Month of April 1781. His discharge is lost and cannot be found but the service rendered on this tour is proved by Matthew Seay [pension application S7477] who was a soldier with him in the said service at that time. the whole of the time of service rendered on this tour was at least six months.

That he again entered the service of the United States in the month of June 1781 as a substitute for his Brother Cannon Worsham and joined the Company which was commanded by Captain [Benjamin] Branch from Chesterfield in the County of Henrico near Richmond. Captain Branch either resigned or obtained a furlough. he left the Company in the said County of Henrico and Lieut. Moody [James Moodie] commanded as Captain. they marched under his command direct to Williamsburg where they joined the Main Army under Genl. Lawson, Muhlenburg, Barren Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] & many other officers that he does not now recollect. they left Williamsburg and marched in many directions in the adjacent Cavalry until some time in the Month of August, they again stoped at Williamsburg about the time the said Army left Williamsburg for little York he was taken sick and discharged by Genl Lawson in the Month of August 1781. his discharge is lost and cannot be found nor does he know any person

living that was with him in that service. the whole time of service rendered on this tour was at least three months. I was born in the County of Amelia in the year 1758. My age was recorded by my Father in a Family Bible that was in his possession at the time of his Death after which I not know what became of it. I lived in the County of Amelia when I entered the service of the Revolutionary War I lived in that County when the War ended. I lived in that County about ten years after the War ended, then moved to the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia, lived in that County fifteen or sixteen years then removed to the County of Pittsylvania and have lived in that County ever since.

I was drafted twice when I entered the service and entered the service twice as a substitute once for Henry Worsham and once for Cannon Worsham. The officers that I served with and the circumstances of my services are stated in my Declaration. I cannot recollect the No. of the Militia or Continental regiments that I was with I have not thought of them for many years. I received three discharges one was given by Colo Downman, one by Captain Scott and one by Genl. Lawson. they are lost or mislaid and cannot be found. I can refer to Nelson Tucker, John Hunt, George Dejarnett, Edmund Templeton, David Johns and many others who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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NOTES: Nelson Tucker and John Worsham certified the character and reputation of Essex Worsham. William Worsham also deposed that he had heard his father, Essex Worsham, speak of his services.