

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Linton S7152

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State of North Carolina Camden County

On this 8th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Wilie McPherson, Malachi G. Dozier & Joseph G Hughs of the Court of Camden County & State of North Carolina aforesaid now sitting Thomas Linton in the County of Camden & State of North Carolina aged about seventy-seven years who being first 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 enlisted the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. -- He entered as a substitute for Joseph Cartwright of Pasquotank County for six months under Captain Jacob Taylor in the militia of North Carolina and in the month of February but never marched until about the first of May in the year ___¹ and continued our march until we reached Stono and there we had an engagement with the British and there Captain Taylor acted so well he was promoted to the office of Colonel. Our Superior Officers in that engagement were Colonel Jonas Johnston & General Baker after the Engagement we remained at Stono until regularly discharged. I was discharged by Colonel Johnston which discharge I have lost I was discharged about the last of August & first of September -- and after remaining at home sometime in May I think -- the next year I volunteered under Captain Whitehall of the militia of Currituck County North Carolina but did not march with Captain Whitehall. I was retained under Captain Henry Forbes of Pasquotank County (then now Camden) to take it on some deserters. After remaining some time in search of the deserters we were marched under Captain Forbes to Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina expecting there to join the Army the night we arrived at Kingston General Caswell arrived and brought the news of Gates defeat² I then remained at Kingston 3 or 4 weeks we received orders to march to Cross Creek and joined the Army under General Arrington [sic, probably William Henry Harrington] after remaining at Cross Creek some considerable time we marched to the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina and remained there until discharged the date of my discharge I do not recollect but remember arriving at home between the Christmases my home then was in Pasquotank County North Carolina (now Camden).

1. Where & in what year were you born. Answer I was born in Pasquotank County North

¹ The Battle of Stono Ferry was fought June 20, 1779.

² The Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780.

Carolina (then now Camden) in February 1755 --

2nd. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

Answer my age is recorded in a Bible containing the family records of my Father now in my possession --

3rd Where were you living when called into Service -- where have you lived ever since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer. I lived in Pasquotank County (now Camden) when called into service and have lived there ever since the revolutionary war and now live there

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 the first term I was called into service I substituted for Joseph Cartwright of Pasquotank County North Carolina for six months. The second time I volunteered for six months more.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you Served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service --

Answer Jacob Taylor commanded the Company of Militia I first joined Colonel Johnston & General Baker were our Superior officers at the Battle at Stono -- the second time Captain Whitehall commanded the Company I volunteered in General Arrington commanded at the Cheraw Hills I belonged to the second Regiment

6. Did ever you receive a discharge from the Service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it --

Answer I received one discharge from Colonel Johnston for my first service and my second discharge was from General Arrington which are lost.

7. State the names of persons in your neighborhood to whom you are known who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a Soldier of the revolution --

Answer Nehemiah Riggs & John Spence --

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 & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Linton, X his mark

[Nehemiah Riggs & John Spence Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

On this 8th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Wilie McPherson, Malachi G. Dozier & Joseph G Hughs of the Court of Camden County State of North Carolina Cornelius Rhodes³ of the County of Pasquotank State of North Carolina aged about seventy-four years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he was acquainted with Thomas Linton who has subscribed to the foregoing declaration before the war and has been acquainted with him to the present time that he was with the said Thomas Linton in the Revolutionary War they joined headquarters at Cross Creek under General Arrington and from Cross Creek they marched to the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina we were frequently attached to scouting parties but returned to the Cheraw Hills and there remained until discharged by General Arrington. This deponent further states that he believes that Thomas who subscribed to the foregoing declaration is of the age of 77 years and that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War & served as therein stated.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

³ [Cornelius Rhodes S7387](#)

S/ Cornelius Rhodes, X his mark

Amended Declaration of Thomas Linton

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for Camden County State of North Carolina Tho. Linton who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the periods when he enlisted for the years he served but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades. I entered the service the first term as a substitute for Jos. Cartwright under Captain Jacob Taylor as a private or soldier in the Militia in the North Carolina line for six months I think in February -- and served the six months and was regularly discharged by Colonel Johnston at the end of the six months which discharge is lost. Sometime in the next year perhaps May I volunteered under Captain Whitehall as a soldier in the Militia in the North Carolina line for six months and served the six months or was regularly discharge by General Arrington at the end of six months and the time I was discharged I do not recollect -- making in all twelve months and for such service I claim a pension -- the first six months I do not recollect the Regiment in which I served the other six months I served in the second Regiment.

I have no documentary evidence as to by Service Cornelius Rhodes whose affidavit is taken in my first declaration was with me the last 6 months of my services -- There is no other person living that I recollect of.

S. Thomas Linton, X his mark

Made his mark and swore to this 19th day May 1833

S/ Geo. Ferebee, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum for 10 months service in the revolution.]