

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Payne S7290

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions January Term 1833

On this 10th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now sitting Thomas Pain a resident of said County and state his age seventy years as he believes 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, to wit, that he was born in the State of Virginia in Spotsylvania County in the year 1763 as he believes, his parents lived there until he was about 12 years old then moved in to Orange County lived there until advancing on his 17th year of his age & in the winter of that year of his age was drafted for what length of time not now recollected was marched to Fredericksburg remained there about three weeks on the command of Captain Graves commanded by General Weden [George Weedon] & Major Bradford & was discharged there by General Weden after a term of service of one month as near as he can recollect,

2nd Term he went as substitute in place of Jesse Robertson under the command of Captain Yancey of Louisa County in the State of Virginia marched to headquarters near Richmond was placed under the command of General DeMarcus [Lafayette] & Colonel Dabney was in Richmond when the British entered a little town on the South side of James River called at that time, Rocky Ridge after that I was discharged at Shock hill near Richmond having served two months the full term for which he engaged as a substitute his discharge was handed to him by his Captain but does not know by whom it was signed. In about two weeks after into the service again as a substitute in the place of George Pain at Brooks Bridge on Pamunkey River under the command of Captain Harris commanded as before by General DeMarcus & Colonel Dabney served a tower [tour] of six weeks during which time we were joined by General Wayne & his Army marched to Jamestown there had an engagement with the British after the Battle of Jamestown was discharged near that place having served a term of six weeks. Fourth tower were that he was drafted for two months & put under the command of Captain George Waw [George Waugh] & marched down from Orange County to a place called Gloster [Gloucester] opposite Little York remained there under the command of General Weden during the Siege of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] and until the surrender of his army [October 19, 1781] to the Americans forces his term of two months for which he was drafted being out on the same day that the surrender of Wallaces' Army but that he refused to be discharged but remained three days longer in order to cross the River & see the prisoners having been kept on the Gloucester side of the River during the whole of the Siege was again discharged and went to my home in Orange County Virginia remain there a few months and moved to Rowan County North Carolina lived

there about 12 years then moved to Burke County North Carolina lived there 7 years and moved to Buncombe County North Carolina where I have lived ever since.

States that he served 6 months and a half in all –

He hereby declares that he has long since lost his discharges and further states that he never received any Commission but served as a private and further states that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service nor of any person in this State by whom he could prove his Services.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the State or agency of any State. I appeal to the Honorable Justice of the Court now sitting to testify as to my veracity and standing as a Revolutionary soldier & to my neighbors Moses Freeman clergyman & James Gudger citizens in my neighborhood.

S/ Thomas Payne

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Payne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thomas Payne".

[Moses Freeman, a clergyman, and James Gudger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 3: On June 5, 1846 in Laurel County Kentucky, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the agency of Kentucky giving as his reason for moving to Kentucky to gratify his family who had removed to said state.]

[f p. 27: On October 20, 1849 in Buncombe County North Carolina, the veteran applied for the return of his pension benefit to the North Carolina agency saying that he had moved back to Buncombe County where he intends to remain.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months & 12 days in the Virginia militia.]