

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Poyner S7335

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State of North Carolina, Currituck County SS}

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Caleb Etheridge, William Bray, Benjamin T. Simmons and John B. Jones Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting for the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina Thomas Poyner a resident of said County & State aged Seventy-Two 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. -- He saith that he was a private in Captain Dozier's [Dennis Dauge's] Company in the year 1776 and was stationed on the Banks to guard the Coast & was at that time out forty-five days -- he has no documentary evidence but can prove that he was in that service Hosea Ball<sup>1</sup> and Thomas Ives<sup>2</sup>-- He further states that he was called out in 1777 under Colonel Samuel Jarvis & Colonel Perkins in search of Tories who had their frequently been committing depredations & that he was engaged in this service four days & has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove this service. -- He further states that he served as Captain under Colonel Samuel Jarvis in 1779 when the British were in Portsmouth & Norfolk, that the service was principally near the line of North Carolina and Virginia & that he was in service at that time 20 days and has yet his commission as Captain and that afterwards in the same year he served under the orders of Colonel Samuel Jarvis on Church Island and Crow Island in Currituck County three days. -- In December 1779 he was drafted as Captain of militia & marched to South Carolina under Colonel James Kinyon [sic, James Kenan] & Brigadier General William Caswell [sic, William Caswell] and served under the these officers in the first Regiment of the North Carolina line of Militia and were encamped near Santee River when Charleston was taken by the enemy in May 1780, and then retreated from Santee to Cape Fear River to a place then called Cross Creek the present site of Fayetteville and was discharged in 1780 and returned home & has no documentary evidence except his Commission and Colonel Jarvis' order to embody his Company preparatory to be March to South Carolina dated February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1780 & ready to be produced. Colonel Jarvis was at that time Colonel of Currituck County. He can prove the service by Leven Ballance<sup>3</sup> then a soldier under my command and now living in this County. In November 1780 he was ordered out as Captain with his Company and served near the North Carolina & Virginia line for twenty-one days under command of Major Josiah Nicholson & Colonel Gideon Lamb -- and has Major Nicholson's order for that purpose dated 29<sup>th</sup> of October 1780, he further served as Captain with his Company

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1 [Hosea Ball S2365](#)

2 [Thomas Ives S20899](#)

3 [Leven \(Levin\) Balance \(Ballance\) S6563](#)

20 days near the line of North Carolina & Virginia in January 1781 under Colonel Samuel Jarvis, Major Asakel Simmons [Ashael Simmons] acting Commander after the Troops were called out & for this service he has Col. Jarvis' order and were discharged by General Isaac Gregory – in 1781 he was ordered out with his Company by Colonel Samuel Jarvis and served at Churches Island when a British Privateer came into Currituck Inlet – and was out three days. In November 1781 was a volunteer Captain took charge of a company rendezvoused at Indian Town remained in service two days and was discharged by General Isaac Gregory until further orders. He has Major Nicholson's order for the draft for this purpose. In September 1782, was ordered by Colonel Samuel Jarvis to go to Knott's Island then to the Inlet and then to Churches Island where a British galley came into Currituck Inlet, was on service four days and captured the Galley has no documentary evidence but can prove the service by Levin Ballance then a soldier in the same Service.

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 Poyner<sup>4</sup>

[Edward Hardy, a clergyman, and Foster Jarvis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Levin Ballance maketh oath that he is acquainted with Thomas Poyner who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and knows he performed the service as stated in the said Declaration to be within his Knowledge.

S/ Levin Ballance<sup>5</sup>

Hosea Ball & Thomas Ives maketh oath that they are well acquainted with Thomas Poyner who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration & that they know he performed the service stated to be in the knowledge of these affiants.

S/ Hosea Ball<sup>6</sup>

S/ Thomas Ives<sup>7</sup>

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina Thomas Poyner who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the term of service which he performed in 1779 under Col. Jarvis and Major Asahael Simmons is correctly stated at 23 days according to his former declaration that in December 1779 he was drafted as Captain but was not called on until February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1780, when Colonel Jarvis ordered him to embody his men and go to South Carolina that he went as stated in the declaration above mentioned and performed a service of 150 days was discharged July 12, 1780 and that this time of service (although proven) is not mentioned nowhere in the former declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1833 before

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<sup>4</sup> Not the veteran's actual signature as the declaration sent to the War Department is a copied certified by the county clerk of court to be a true and complete copy of the documents in his files.

<sup>5</sup> Not the affiant's actual signature as the declaration sent to the War Department is a copied certified by the county clerk of court to be a true and complete copy of the documents in his files.

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S/ Jo. Harrison, JP

S/ Thos Poyner

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos Poyner", with a horizontal line underneath.

[The page in this file which sets forth the amount of pension granted the veteran is almost impossible to read as posted. It appears that the veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$154 beginning March 4, 1831, but how that pension was calculated cannot be determined.]