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Pension application of Thomas Price S7339

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Thomas Price of the County of Martin & State of North Carolina being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth & sayeth as follows:

I was born in the County of Martin according to the record of my parents on the 14th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty six. I was living during the Revolutionary war in said County & have resided in the same up to the present time. I performed service 15 months during that war. The circumstances attending my service are these – There was a requisition for men from the Regiment of said County. The Regiment was allotted into four divisions – I belonged to the second Division. We were informed that Troops were required of three months service & that a company was necessary in the County to subdue the Tories & arrest deserters & that those who would volunteer & attach themselves to the Company in the County & served twelve months therein would be exempt from the draft for the three months service. I accordingly volunteered & was attached to a Cavalry Company in said County commanded by Captain Samuel Smithwick in which I performed service during the 12 months whenever required. We were on duty nearly every week, were often exposed to imminent danger & succeeded in arresting & apprehending many Tories & deserters & lodged them in prison. After the expiration of my term of service in that Company another requisition arrived for a detachment of men from this Regiment. I volunteered for this term of service without being drafted. The Company to which I was attached under the command of Captain John Bryant, Lieutenant John Taylor & Ensign Baker Wiggins was placed in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Whitmill Hill, Lt Colonel Kenneth McKensie & Major John Everett & marched to Guilford Court House North Carolina. The Army at that place was under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. We had been in the camp about two weeks before the battle of that place was fought. The North Carolina Militia was placed about a mile from the Court House in the rear of the Virginians & Continentals. We received orders that if we were compelled to retreat to form at the Court House behind the Continentals & if we were driven from there to retreat to the Iron Works. As anticipated we were compelled to retreat upon an engagement and we fell back to the Iron Works as ordered where we joined General Greene again. At this place we remained a few days. We then took up a line of march in the rear of the enemy until we encamped in the fork of Deep & Haw Rivers at Ramsey's Mills. Here our company was divided & part of them was marched with the Army commanded by General Greene to Camden. I remained with those at Ramsay's Mill

Amended Declaration of Thomas Price in conformity with the regulations of the War Department & in explanation of objections forwarded in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Martin in the State of North Carolina Thomas Price who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For 6 months I served as a member of the Cavalry Company under Captain Smithwick. For 3 months under Captain Hill I served as a soldier -- and for such service I claim a pension. The first tour I cannot distinctly recollect but think it was about the year 1778. The second tour was about the time of the battle of Guilford as detailed in my declaration. I have a record of my age made by my parents which is now in my dwelling house. As stated in my declaration the first tour was served under Captain Samuel Smithwick in this County, the second tour I was once under General Greene and then under General Butler. The circumstances of my service is stated with as much precision as I can now recollect, it being so long since. I received 2 discharges and I think one was from Captain Evans & the other from Captain Smithwick which I have lost or mislaid -- I did not procure the certificate of a clergyman not knowing it was necessary & thinking citizens would answer. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 16th day of March 1833.

S/ Jos. R. Ballard, JP

S/ Thos. Price

[Joseph Briggs Senior, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Ebenezer Smithwick Senior being sworn deposeth & saith as follows:

[words obliterated] Revolutionary war a Company was [words obliterated] the County of Martin to subdue the Tories & apprehend deserters & those who volunteered to discharge this duty in this Company were exempt from 3 months service in the Army -- This Company was commanded by my father Samuel Smithwick and I distinctly recollect that Thomas Price was a member of that company = I believe he served 12 months in that Company -- During this time they were often exposed to danger & they apprehended a great many deserters & Tories & lodged them in prison.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th of August 1832

S/ Jos. R. Ballard, JP

S/ E. Smithwick

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William Mizell Senior being sworn deposeth & saith as follows.

That I served during the Revolutionary War in one tour three months as orderly Sergeant & was present at the battle of Guilford Court House North Carolina. I distinctly recollect that Thomas Price was a member of my mess & serve the term of 3 months. The circumstances attending that tour as detailed in the affidavit of Mr. Thomas Price I believe to be true.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 28th of August 1832

S/ Lawrence Cherry, JP

S/ William Mizell, Senior