

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Terry S7700

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State of North Carolina }

Anson County }

On this 4th day of May 1833, I Stephen Rushing one of the acting Justices of the Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions in & for the County of Anson North Carolina near the State line Personally appeared Thomas Terry aged 76 years resident of Chesterfield District South Carolina he being very infirm residing near the State line where he has resided a few years that he was formerly of Anson County N. Carolina the reason why he makes application in this County & this way it is most convenient and easy for him in his present situation in life & Fayetteville the nearest office.

He as a Soldier of the Revolution after having been duly Sworn by me according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress Passed June 7th 1832.

He entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the Year 1776, as well as now recollected the day or Month not recollected he served as herein stated as well as he now recollects his services was under the following named officers He was first a private & substitute for his Father William Terry six months under Capt Bias [John Byers] Maj'r Johnson Col Dolman [possibly Downman or Dorman] & was marched to Hillsborough N. Carolina Joined Gen. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] then through the state to South Carolina and Joined Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates at Rudgeleys [sic: Rugeley's] Mill & from there to near Campden & there had a Battle with the British [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] & was defeated then under Gen'l. [Francis] Marion & when his time of service Expired was discharged by his officers & returned home there short time then a private & substitute for Nathaniel Terry Eighteen Months the day month or year not recollected he marched under Capt. John McKinney to Princeedward [sic: Prince Edward] County Court House from there to the fork of James River [Point of Fork at the confluence with Rivanna River] there Joined Gen'l. Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] & had a fight with the British Dragoons cross the river [5 - 6 Jun 1781 & Lieutenant Gill was killed there Marched to Princeedward Court House there Joined Col [William] Washington's Horse & there was received as a Horseman then marched to Dixes [Dix's] Ferry on Dan River from there marched to Guilford Court House in N. Carolina and joined Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at or about the time Green & Wallace [sic: Cornwallis] started fighting & was not in the Battle [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] then [sic] was marched to South Carolina and was in the Battle at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] with Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan & defeated the British & Continued in South Carolina till the time of his service Expired & was Discharged by Capt. Gaines & returned home there some time then was Drafted for Three years or during the War [see endnote] the Year day or Month not recollected & marched under Maj'r. Norflet to Princeedward Court House then under Capt. Hambleton Maj'r. McKinney Col Bennett then marched to Cartersville on James River then to Manchester from there to Fredericksburg there Joined Gen'l. Washington & about to many places & to YorkTown & was there at the Taking of Wallace [surrender of Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] & was there discharged by Capt. Hambleton the 29th day of October 1781. Served Two Years & Six months returned home to Pittsylvania County Virginia there resided one year then moved to Granville County N. Carolina & there continued twenty years then moved to Anson County N. Carolina & continued there till a few years past then moved across the State line in Chesterfield District South Carolina & resided at times in each state ever since

[Questions prescribed by the War Department]

Q't. 1. Where & in what year were you born in 1757 – Jan'y 15th in Essex County Virginia

Q't 2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Yes In a family Bible stated to be kept by his Father of his Childrens ages

Q't 3. Where were you living when called into service & where have you lived since the revolutionary

- war & where do you now live
- A'r In Pittsylvania County State of Virginia when called into service & continued there for Twenty Years then moved to Granville County N. Carolina there resided for some years then moved to Anson County there continued some years then moved over the state line Chesterfield District South Carolina where he has lived some time in one state & then in the other
- Q't 4. How were you called into service were you Drafted did you Volunteer or were you a Substitute & if a Substitute for whom
- A'r I was a substitute too years Then Drafted for three years or during the war & served too years & six months at that time
- Q't 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental & Militia redgments as you can recollect
- A'r Gen'l Gates Decal [sic: Baron De Kalb] Gen'l Green Cont., Militia Gen'l. Stephens Colo Dolmon Maj'r Boyer
- Q't 6. Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service & if so by whom was it Given & what has become of it
- A'r yes from the different officers whom he served under but has lost them
- Q't 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to you Character for Veracity & their belief of your services as a Soldier of the revotion
- A'r Joseph Melton James Choplin Andrew Mills Thos. Hendricks
- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except present & Declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state Thomas hisXmark Terry

NOTE: Drafts in the militia were never for as long as three years or the duration of the war.