

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Twyman S7771

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Virginia Madison County: SS

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Madison now sitting, William Twyman a resident of Madison County in the State of Virginia aged seventy-seven years of being first duly sworn according to law does on his of make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the months of August or September 1777 I was drafted for a two months to work in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia where I then resided and still reside (Madison County taken from Culpeper about 1792). I served under Captain Henry Hill, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Barber. I crossed the Potomac River at Noland's Ferry and join the Army under the command of General Washington in the neighborhood of Philadelphia passed through Frederick Town in the State of Maryland and Little York and Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania. At this time the enemy had possession of Philadelphia – during this tour the fort at Redbank was blown up and I was near enough to hear the report, but the distance was considerable, at the expiration of this tour of duty I was discharged and returned home, I think it was in the month of November when I reached home. In the month of January 1781 I was drafted the second time for a tour of two months from the County and State where I resided when first drafted I was attached to the Company Commanded by Captain Henry Towles and marched to the neighborhood of Fredericksburg and stationed at Hunters Forge for the purpose of protecting that place. I was only in service about two weeks this tour before I was discharged, and excused as the Troops were not wanting at that place. About the first of May 1780 I was drafted the third time in the County and State where I resided when first drafted again for a two months Tour. I was attached to the Company under the command of Captain Joseph Wood, the Regiment to which I was attached was commanded by Colonel Allcock, the Regiment joined the American army commanded by Colonel Lafayette about twenty miles from Richmond Virginia then own the retreat to Raccoon Ford in the County of Culpepper at which place they met the American Troops under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. The united force of the two American Generals made a retrograde movement and in the County of New Kent in Virginia I was taken sick and did not again joined the Army during this tour.

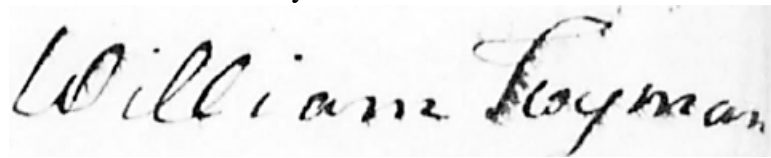
In the year 1781 and in the early part of September I was again drafted for a two months to work, from the County and State I resided in when first drafted. This was my fourth and last tour of duty. I was attached to the Company and the Command of Captain James Clark. The Commander of the Regiment I don't recollect – but the Brigade I believe was commanded by General Stevens [Edward Stevens], I at the time I was drafted this fourth time was appointed by

Captain Clark an Orderly Sergeant, I joined the American army in the neighborhood of Williamsburg in Virginia and marched on to Yorktown, I reached the vicinity in time to see the beginning of the Siege and remained in active duty until the surrender of the British Army [October 19, 1781], After the surrender I assisted in guarding the prisoners and was regularly discharge. The discharge if a written one long since lost, I was born in the year 1754, the Record of my age I have often seen in the possession of my Father, I have resided in the same neighborhood from my birth to the present time, I refer to my neighbors General William Madison and Colonel Linn Banks they have known me all their lives. The affidavits of Mary Jones, Robert Terrell and Dave Jones are here with enclosed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity accept the present and declared that his name is not on the Pension Role of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

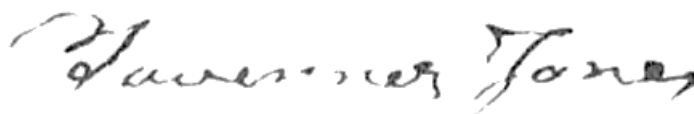
S/ William Twyman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Twyman". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[J. W. Kebler, a clergyman, and Wesley Fry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Taverner Jones¹ of the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged 77 years do hereby certify that in the year 1777 William Twyman of Madison County Virginia my neighbor was drafted for a two-month Tour with the Militia from Culpeper County Virginia, I was myself drafted at the same time and I well remember that William Twyman and myself belong to the same mess. The Company to which we belong was under the Command of Captain Henry Hill. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Rucker. The troops with which we marched were ordered to the State of Pennsylvania. In the year 1781 William Twyman was in service several other two tours, and I know that he was at the Siege of Yorktown, I am under the impression that his services in the Militia is not less than eight or nine months. Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of August 1832

S/ Taverner Jones

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA S5627