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Pension Application of Thomas Yeargan S7987

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions. February Term 1833
Randolph County }

On this 9th day of February A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Thomas Yeargan, aged seventy 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 June 7st 1832. that he entered the service of the Service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated: viz –

He states that he was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia on the 25th of May, he thinks in the year 1762 (judging from a comparison of the dates of other occurrences) & has no record of his age: he was raised in Brunswick County, where he resided until he entered the service of the United States.

He states that at sixteen years of age or thereabouts, & he thinks in May 1778 he substituted for one Evans Mabry, the class to which he belonged not recollected, & served six weeks under Capt. James Harrison & Col. Watson; & was discharged at spring swamp church. The events of this service were comparatively unimportant. The Virginia Militia was divided into ten classes & also subdivided into divisions of twenty five men each: each Class to serve in rotation when called on – & when so called on to continue in service until relieved by a succeeding Class: that he fell in Class No. 10 & for the consideration of one dollar, exchanged with one Robert Gee, & was placed in Class No. 2 – which was called into service under Capt'n. James Harrison Major Wilkins & Col. Watson, he believes in the summer of 1778: was marched to Cabin point in Surry Cty, thence to spring swamp church in same Cty, where he was relieved after a service of six weeks. He was again called into service late in the winter of '78 - '79 & was marched under Major Lucas & Col. Dolman [sic: Raleigh Downman] to Cabin-point, & remaining there about one month, marched thence to head-quarters, at Bab's old field [Babb's old field], near the sleepy hole ferry on Nansemond river: where he was relieved by the next class, he believes in April 1779: having served three months.

After this a short time, but date not recollected he substituted in the place of one John Abernathy, the No. of whose class is also forgotten, & served six weeks, under Capt. Buckner Stith, Major Pegram & Col. Richard Elliott – was marched to Sleepy hole on Nansemond river thence up James river & was relieved and discharged at Cabin point in Surry County.

He was called again into service under Capt. John Clayton & Col. Richard Elliott, but cannot recollect either the month or year, but he is under the impression that after serving six weeks he was discharged in the month of October in the latter part of that month. In this tour he was marched to Swan's point [sic: Swanns Point] on James river where he lay at the period of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], shortly after which they were discharged. He further states that each division of 25 men was required to furnish one man to service for eighteen months, when called on, & that for a small consideration he volunteered himself as the division man in his division to serve when called on; & that he was so called on & served three months. This service was mainly in the County of Brunswick, & commenced about the first of September, but cannot undertake to state the year his memory has so much failed him. He lay at Brunswick Co. House about two months, when he was discharged. he has never had any discharge in writing & has no documentary evidence of service. He expects to prove a circumstance by Tidance Lane Esq. which may aid him in his application, & by his neighbours T. Lane, Charles Duncan & the Rev. Jesse Larrence, reputation of service. He removed to Randolph County N.C. in the year 1800 & has resided in the same ever since; He knew no continental officers except a french General at Bab's Old Field whose name he has forgotten –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not the pension roll of the agency of any state

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[Tid. Lane deposed as follows: "in the year 1805 he was in Virginia & saw said Yeargan and a Major Pegram together, who expressed their gratification in meeting each other having served in the revolutionary war together, & that Major Pegram then stated that said Yeargan had served under him; & that they talked over many of the occurrences that took place while were together in the service."

NOTE: The file includes a letter dated 27 Aug 1856 states that Thomas Yeargan died in Dec 1838. A letter with the same date reads in part as follows:

"The widow of Thomas Yeargen was married to him in the month of March 1816. She died the 27th or 28th of Dec'm. 1852. Thos. Yeargen left Several Children by a former Wife, which are living; but none by his last Wife."