

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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Virginia certificate 16.458
Thomas P. Franklin
Of Campbell County
Private under Captain Reynolds 9 months
Issued 04Mar1833 @ \$32.50/annum

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State of Virginia, Campbell County to wit:
On the 2nd day of October personally appeared before me Ellis Hunter one of the commonwealth's justices of the peace for the County of Campbell and one of the justices of the county court of Campbell in the state aforesaid (which is a court of record) Thomas P Franklin, a resident of the said county and state, aged sixty nine years. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit f the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the service of the United States first under the command of Capt. Thomas McReynolds Lieut E. O Stell and Ensign John Claytor. Marched from Halls Store 1st Jany 1781 through the counties of Prince Edward, Amelia, Prince Georg, Surry &c to Portsmouth at which he was discharged after serving a term of three months. Was in no engagement [creased page] ---- --- of receiving a discharge. That in this ____ volunteered. His field officers were Genl Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg], Colo Merriweather [probably Thomas Meriwether] and Maj. Dalsman [probably Christian Charles de Klauman] a Frenchman. That he served a second tour. Marched from the county of Bedford at a place called Briants the latter end of May or the 1st of June 1781. Volunteered and marched under the command of Capt A. Cummings. No other officers recollected to Prince Edward Court House at which place he was attached to Capt Williams company of artillery. That he marched from thence to Cartersville in Gen Lawson's Brigade. From thence to Hanover where he was discharged after serving a tour of three months. Got no discharge and was in no engagement. That he served a third tour. Was drafted and marched from Halls Old Store in the County of Bedford under the command of Capt Beard Lt. Thomas Heath and Ensign Joseph Stallyea the fall of 1781 and marched with Col Calloway and Trigg down to York where he remained in Genl Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade until after the surrender of Cornwallis and was discharged after serving a term of three months.

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[p5] Received a discharge but lost it. Nor does he recollect who signed it. That he was born in the county of Campbell in the year 1765 October 2nd, has the record of his age, resided in the said county at the time he went into the service, since the revolution he has resided in the county of Prince Edward and now resides in the county of Campbell. For proof of his services he refers to Capt Thomas Harvey, John Woolridge, Nelson Brooks, and Joseph Mann. He also refers to Capt David Roberson, Alexander Patterson, Maj. Benjamin Hunter, William Evans and James

Roberson and in fact the whole community among whom he lives for his character for veracity and their belief as to his services during the War of the Revolution. That from age and infirmity of body he is unable to attend at the Court House to qualify to his declaration for a pension. 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 and subscribed the day

And year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Franklin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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Ellis Hunter, JP

William Trent, neighbor

George Abbott, neighbor

Thomas Harvey, compatriot soldier at York

Nelson Brooks, compatriot soldier at Portsmouth

John Woolridge, compatriot soldier at Portsmouth

Joseph Mann, compatriot soldier at Dandridges

John Alexander, clerk