

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Payne S8938 ½

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State of Virginia County of Fauquier to wit;

On this 29th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Fauquier it now sitting William Payne a resident of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia aged 73 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 7th 1832.

I enlisted in the service of the United States in the summer of 1775, and in the fall, the first of September of the same year I marched to Williamsburg from thence to the Great Bridge and from thence to Norfolk, I continued with the Battalion until it's discharge in March 1776, I was at the battle of the Great Bridge [December 9, 1775] and at Norfolk when that city was burnt [January one, 1776]. William Pickett was the Captain and John Marshall (now Chief Justice of the United States) was first Lieutenant. I was Sergeant. The Brigade was commanded first Colonel Taliaferro, afterwards by Colonel Stevens [Edward Stevens]. – I entered the service again, on first November 1778 under the command of Captain Hezekiah Turner – Martin Pickett was our Colonel, I marched from Fauquier County, crossed the Potomac [River] at Noland's Ferry, from thence through the State of Maryland, and thence to the State of Pennsylvania. I was at the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], and then returned to the City of Philadelphia, and then we returned home having served three months and some days. I entered the service again in the winter of 1780 and served until the spring of 1781. I first marched to Williamsburg from thence to Richmond, the tour lasted four months and twenty days. I went under the command of Captain O'Bannon – Colonel Churchill [Armistead Churchill] commanded the Regiment – before we left Richmond, we were joined by Lafayette.

Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Fauquier County, State of Virginia in the year 1758.

Question. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary War and where do you now live.?

Answer. Always in the County of Fauquier, State of Virginia

Question did you ever receive a discharge?

Answer. I never did; I always served my time out, and never applied for one.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Payne¹

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare

¹ Since the handwriting of the signature of the veteran is identical to the handwriting of the document itself, I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran.

that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.
Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Payne

I Augustine Payne² a resident of Fauquier County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Payne who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration – that he served a northern tour in the year 1778 as he states and also that he served in the same Company and Regiment with me in the winter of 1780 and until the spring of 1781 and that he served as above stated. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Augustine Payne, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$58.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia State Troops.]

² [Augustine Payne W10850](#)