

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Wakefield [Weakefeld] W1107 Jemima Wakefield f41NC
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State of Tennessee, Franklin County }

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Franklin Thomas Wackfield [sic] a resident of said County & State 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That in the month of December 1779 this affiant, was a resident of Burke County North Carolina; & then & there he entered the service of the United States in the company commanded by Captain Ford [Peter Ford], that he was marched by said Ford in said company to Charleston South Carolina: That after the company was marched into South Carolina they were placed under the command of Colonel Andrew Hampton: That this affiant served out his tour of duty under Colonel Hampton & at the expiration thereof received his discharge which is herewith filed & made a part of this declaration. This affiant served three months in this tour of duty. This affiant recollects of no particular incident worth relating that occurred during this tour of duty: He belonged to General Lillington's [John Alexander Lillington's] brigade – he was not in any battle during this time of service. Shortly after affiant was discharged as above stated he returned home & in the same spring he volunteered under Colonel Joseph McDowell¹ to serve another tour of duty against the Cherokee nation of Indians. That he entered the Cherokee nation & had a small battle or skirmish with the Indians in which several Indians were killed – this affiant served about two months in the performance of this tour & after it was over he was discharged but no written discharge was given affiant: During the same year this affiant served another tour of duty against the Indians under Colonel McDowell – the time when he entered the service he does not recollect – nor does he recollect the period of his discharge – he believes he served about two months in the performance of this last tour – but he received no written discharge – that he served out his tour & was discharged in the usual way: After the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] when Cornwallis was passing through North Carolina this affiant again volunteered to serve another tour of duty under Colonel McDowell – the Regiment was marched from Burke County North Carolina to Beatties Ford on the Catawba River where they were discharged. This affiant was about a month or six weeks in service in the performance of this tour. This affiant has no other documentary evidence of his services except his first discharge which he has produced. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

¹ Joseph McDowell was a Major at the time mentioned by the veteran. McDowell's brother Charles McDowell ranked as a Colonel and was promoted to the rank of General prior to the end of the war.

Swoon to in open Court the 26th of November 1832.

S/ Thomas Wakefield, X his mark

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

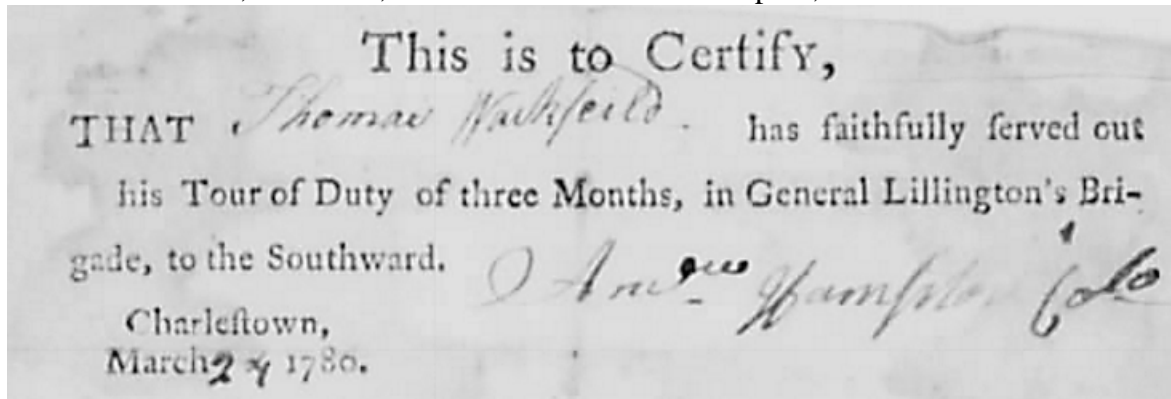
By S/ W. B. Wagner, D.C,

[Elijah Brazier, Wm N. Taylor, Joseph Hilton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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“This is to Certify, That Thomas Wackfeild has faithfully served out his Tour of Duty of three months, in General Lillington's Brigade, to the Southward.

Charleston, March 27, 1780 S/ Andw Hampton, Col.”



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The Amended Declaration of Thomas Wakefield in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, The original declaration hereto annexed having been made on the 26th of November 1832. On the 26th day of December 1833, personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, Thomas Wakefield a resident of said County, now aged seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That affiant served a tour of duty of three months as stated in his original declaration; he cannot date precisely the time his second term of service commenced, though it must have been in the spring of 1780 and the period for which he served was not less than two months. Affiant served not less than two months in his third tour of duty which was also in the summer of 1780, the precise date of his entering the service & of his discharged he cannot now recollect. Affiant served not less than one month in the performance of his fourth tour of duty; it was in the winter time & in the beginning of the year 1781; and in each of the foregoing tours he served as stated in his foregoing and original declaration – whereupon the Court propounded the following Interrogatories, to wit:

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, I was born in Albemarle County Virginia, on the 5 of October 1762 agreeably to the information received from my parents.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age at home in the family Bible taken from the Bible of my father.

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Burke County North Carolina when called into the service & continued to reside there until I removed to Franklin County Tennessee about 16 years ago where

I have resided ever since.

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I volunteered every time.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I refer to the narrative given of my service, and my original and amended declaration.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I received but one written discharge which I have produced in filed with the original declaration

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: I refer to the Reverend Elijah Brazier, Col. William N. Taylor, & Joseph Hultin, Esquire.

Sworn to in open Court the 25th day of November 1833.

S/ Thomas Wakefield, X his mark

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

By S/ W. B. Wagner, D.C.

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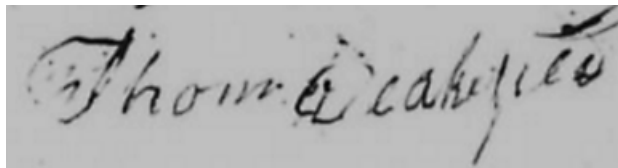
State of Tennessee Franklin County}

This day personally appeared before me John R Patrick an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Thomas Wakefield a pensioner of the United States and made oath that he is sometimes in the habit of signing his own name and that sometimes his hand trembles so much that he cannot write it and has to make his Mark and that when he made his original declaration & also his amended declaration he made his Mark for the reasons above stated, that believing it was right to sign his own name when he could do so he being able to do so signed his own name to his pension papers to draw his pension up to the 4 September 1737.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 4th day of December 1837

S/ John R Patrick, JP

S/ Thom Weakefeld

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Thomas Wakefield". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 18: On February 17, 1853, Jemima Wakefield filed in Franklin County Tennessee for widow's pensions stating that she married Thomas Wakefield in Franklin County in 1825 and that her husband died on September 17, 1849 and that she has never intermarried since his death. She signed her declaration with her mark.]

[p 12: There is a copy of the marriage license dated September 9, 1825 issued by E. Russell, Clerk of Franklin County, Tennessee, for the marriage of Thomas Wakefield to Jemima Griffin.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service

as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]