

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Payne W18693

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[f p. 17]

At a court held for Bath County on the 12th day of May 1818 Joseph Payne came into court and being sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War under Captain Samuel Woodson of the 9th Virginia Regiment in the latter part of the winter 1775 or early in the spring of the year 1776 as a Sergeant, and served in that capacity until the spring of the year 1777 when he was commissioned as an Ensign and attached to Captain Smith Snead's Company in said Regiment where he continued until the 4th of October 1777 at which time he was captured by the British together with the Regiment and was retained in captivity until the latter part of the winter 1780 and was then discharged early in the spring 1781, he attended a meeting of Officers of the Virginia line at Chesterfield Court House at which time he resigned in consequence of being afflicted with a cough under which he has labored ever since and he now remains due circumstances in life.

[Attested as a true copy of the records appearing in Bath County Virginia court records November 28, 1818.]

[f p. 5]

At a Court held for Bath County that the Court House on the 8th day of August 1820

This day Joseph Payne personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for this County aged sixty-one years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows he enlisted for the term of two years in the Spring of the year 1776 in this State in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Woodson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Fleming in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment that in the Spring following [he] was promoted to an Ensigncy in said Regiment and served in that capacity until the Spring 1781 at which time I resigned in consequence of bad health and I do swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by Gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any Property or Securities, contracts or Debts due to me nor have I any income other **than** what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, the Date of my pension Certificate is 4th of February 1819 and that he is not of any Occupation and has only 2 children who are Daughters living with him.

The Court is of Opinion that the property contained in the Schedule is of the value of \$60.

A Schedule of Joseph Payne's property

1 old man's saddle – 1 Horse & cow & calf, 1 water Pail, 2 small crocks, 2 tumblers, 4 old chairs – 2 wheels and 1 crock, some old earthenware, 1 pot,, 1 pot hooks and kettle, 1 pair smoothing irons, old shovel and tongs, 1 ax and 2 hoes, 1 set of knives and forks – some old lumber (Barrels and boxes)

S/ Joseph Payne

[f p. 10: On September 12, 1837 in Bath County Virginia, Ann Payne, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Payne, a revolutionary war pensioner for his service in that war; that he was "...taken prisoner and told her he was taken to Philadelphia where he was confined about eight months and was subsequently transferred to Long Island where she first saw him"; that she married him December 30, 1779 while he was a Prisoner of War; that they were married by Parson Van Cinder; that he was exchanged in 1780; that they removed to Goochland County Virginia where he shortly thereafter resigned his commission and then later moved in that year to Bath County where she still resides; that her husband died April 5, 1826.]

[Facts in file: The veteran was married either October 30 or December 30, 1779, both of which appear in the file; the maiden name of his wife is not stated; his widow died February 14, 1847 in Bath County Virginia; the veteran and his wife had the following children:

Ann born October 6, 1780

Richard born November 20, 1782

George V.C. born August 19, 1785

Cornelius born July 30, 1788

Jesse born December 25, 1790, died prior to 1807

Joseph born February 28, 1792

Robert born December 8, 1795

Mary born December 26, 1798

Elizabeth born September 6, 1800

Levinia or Lavina born March 15, 1804

five of the above named children survived their mother, to wit, Richard, George, Joseph, Ann Johnson and Lavina Howell.]

[f p. 28: extracts from the records of the Council Chamber dated August 22, 1783

I do certify that Mr. Joseph Payne is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Lieutenant of the Continental line for 3 years service.

S/ Benjamin Harrison

S/ Thomas Meriwether

Two warrants of 1000 acres each and one of 666 2/3 issued to Joseph Payne August 23rd, 1783. Nos. 1654, 1655 & 1656.]

[f p. 35]

I certify that Lieutenant Joseph Payne was appointed an officer in the 9th Virginia Regiment in May 1777, and continued in actual service successively until the arrangement at Chesterfield the 18th of February 1781; when he resigned his commission and was not broke or suspended in that time.

S/ Sam Tinsley, Major

Richmond 23rd August 1783

[certified is a true copy]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing May 12, 1818, for service as an Ensign in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$240 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's services as an Ensign in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Joseph Payne W18693

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 21 Dec 2020.

I certify that Lieutenant Joseph Payne was appointed an Officer, in the 9th Virginia Regiment, in May 1777, and continued in actual service successively untill the arrangement at Chesterfield, the 18th February 1781 [<http://revwarapps.org/b160.pdf>] when he resigned his commission, and was not broke or superceded in that time

Sam Finley Major [Samuel Finley W10026]
Richmond 23^d August 1783

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Finley" with a large flourish underneath. The signature is written in a cursive style and is somewhat faded and blurry.