

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Christian W25409 Mary Christian VA
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On this 11th day of October 1841 personally appeared in open Court Thomas Christian a resident of Buckingham County aged 81 years who being 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 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the Revolution as a drafted militia man in the said County of Buckingham where he was born and has ever since resided in a company commanded by Capt. William Anderson and was marched to the Barracks Albermarle County Va. where he remained three months as guard of the British Prisoners at that place [sic: prisoners captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 till Feb 1781] and was then discharged and returned home.

He again entered the service as a drafted militia man in the said County of Buckingham in a company of which Charles Patteson was Captain John Burkes lieutenant and William Beckham insign; He marched from Buckingham County to Blandford [in present Petersburg City] Va from thence to Cabin Point Va [on James River in Surry County] where the company drew their arms & there placed under the command of Colo. Charles Fleming of Genl. Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Regiment. He remained at Cabin Point for some time & then marched to Stoner Mills Va. in Surry County from thence to Suffolk town Va. where the army remained until he was discharged He does not recollect dates, but remembers that soon after he returned home he heard of the defeat of the British at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. He was regularly discharged from the service & received a written discharged from his captain Charles Patteson, which he kept for many years and then destroyed by the burning of his house. He was never in an engagement & he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service except James Falwell [pension application W7247] who served with him and whose affidavit is herewith filed and the affidavit of John Doland [W7040] filed in the Pension papers (in your Department) in James Falwell's case which was taken jointly by him and said Falwell which is refered to in this case. 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

[signed] Thos Christian

[24 Feb 1842] The affidavit of Miles Gipson Esqr of the County of Buckingham Virginia relative to the Pension claim of Thomas Christian, he has been acquainted with Thomas Christian for several years This affiant is the Steward of the Poor House of said county and that Christian has been a Parishioner of said county but never lived at the Poor House was permitted to reside in the neighborhood with his family he recollects to have sent him christian to the Court with Falwell to attend to his pension papers but from some cause did not succeed, he christian would come to the Poor House the evening before Court, & this affiant would send them together, to the Court House, christian is old very poor and lame, can only get about a little on crutches

[signed] Miles Gipson

NOTE: On 14 Aug 1854 Mary Christian, 56, applied for a pension stating that as Mary Adcock she was married to Thomas Christian by Raine Chastain, a Baptist clergyman, at her father's house on 6 July 1814, and her husband died 3 Oct 1853. On 29 March 1855 Mary Christian applied for bounty land.