

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Payne W5495 Ann (Anna) Payne VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 21 Dec 2020.

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County the 6th day of April 1818

John Payne of the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia came into Court and made oath that he enlisted as a soldier in the war of the revolution when he was just turned sixteen years of age and very soon after the commencement of hostilities Between this country and great Britain, he was attached soon after his enlistment to a company of Infantry under the command of Captain John Spotswood [VAS453] of the 10th Virginia regiment which belonged to the Brigade of General Weedon [George Weedon BLWt2418-850], he was marched to the north where he served about two years and a half. his first enlistment was for three years, and he then enlisted for the war in virginia and was for a short time under Captain Thomas Fox [BLWt765-300], from thence he marched to the South under Colonel Blueford [sic: Abraham Buford S46372]. after his defeat [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780], the remnant of which he was one that escaped was marched to the Infantry in the regiment of Colonel Washingtons [William Washington] light dragoons under the command of General [Daniel] Morgan. After the battle at the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] his regiment became subject to the orders of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in whose campaigns and under whose orders he served untill peace was proclaimed. at Charlestown in South Carolina he was furlowed for three months after being in the regular army near seven years. Being poor and geting advanced in life he now looks to his country for a pension under the late law of the Congress of the united states. And it also appears to the Court from the Oath of Moses Perry [S38295] that he served with the said Payne during the revolutionary war in the 10th Virginia regiment.

District of Virginia Sct

On this 7th day of June 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record by the laws of the state John Payne aged upwards of seventy years resident in Spotsylvania County in the said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. that soon after the commencement of the war he inlisted as a soldier for the term of three years in Captain John Spotswoods Company of the tenth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450] and was a part of the Brigade commanded by General Weedon that after serving about two years and an half to the Northward he inlisted during the war upon which he received a furlough for three months and came home, and at the end of three months he joined Colo Bufords regiment at Petersburg and marched to the South that he served two years under the late General Morgan and was with him at the battle of the Cowpens that at the close of the war he belonged to Captain Martins company in a regiment commanded as well as he can now recollect by Colo Green [John Green BLWt866-500], that when they heard of peace they were lying about twelve miles beyond Savanna [sic: Savannah GA] from whence they were marched to Charlestown where the Colo said he expected to find vessels to carry them to Richmond, but after remaining about nine weeks in the neighborhood of Charlestown and no vessels appearing to take them away a number of the men went off without leave as the Colo. told them that he had not received orders to discharge them. the Colonel finding so many men going off without leave, told the others that he would give to those who wished it a permit or pass to go home but that he had no authority to discharge them, upon which all who remained applied and received a written pass or permit from the Colonel to go home, that he has lost his pass or permit or it has been destroyed his original declaration was made before the court of Spotsylvania County in the State aforesaid on the 6th day of April 1818 his pension certificate in No 4820 and I do swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day 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 so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the

land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day 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 to wit. One horse, four shoats One small cart, one plow. two hoes As to my family my wife about seventy years of age or upwards and my daughter Polly seventeen or eighteen years of age live with me. My occupation is farming
John hisXmark Payne

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Agreeable to a resolution of Congress bearing date the 26th Day of May 1783 the Bearer hereof John Payne (war) of the first Virginia Regiment has leave of Absence unto called upon by proper authority to join his Corps, or is formally discharged

Given at Charel Town [Charleston] the 2nd day of July 1783

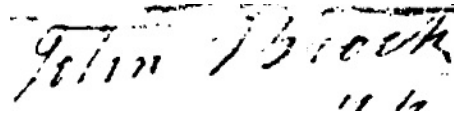
Sam Finley Maj’r Com [Samuel Finley W10026]

A Copy H. Randolph

Spotsylvania Nov’r 3 1783

This is to certify that I inlisted John Payne as a soldier to serve as such the full term of three years in Capt Spotswood’s Company of Foot then belonging to the 10th Virginia Regiment on the 22nd of January 1777

John Brock Lieut
10th Reg’t



John Payne the within soldier having served the full time for which he engaged he is hereby discharged

Given under my hand at Richmond the 26th Nov’r 1783

[illegible signature of Gen Charles Scott BLWt2055-850]

Del’d Maj’r Fowler A Copy H Randolph

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Carter’s Ferry near present Cartersville in Cumberland County lists the following: John Payne: age 19/ height 5’ 9”/ dark hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Spotsylvania County where he enlisted for the duration of the war. Sized 7 Dec 1781.

On 28 Apr 1841 Ann Payne, 82, applied for a pension stating that she was married to John Payne in Spotsylvania County by Parson Waller on 19 Nov 1785, and her husband died “one day in the christmas of the year 1836.” On 19 July 1841 her age was given as 83, the time of her marriage as Sep 1785, and the date of her husband’s death as 8 Dec 1837. She added that Parson Waller was a Baptist preacher, and the marriage occurred at the home of her father. On 18 Apr 1843 her age was said to be 83 or 84. A letter dated 9 Aug 1841 states that Ann Payne was living with a Thomas Payne.

The file includes the following copy of the return of marriages officiated by John Waller:

“Sep’t. 11th 1785 – Garrett Kennaday and Delphia Davenport.

Sep’t. 20th 1785 – Robert Hackney and Dorothy Davenport.

November 19th 1785 – John Payne and Ann Burruss.”