

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Southworth W6142

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State of Virginia Goochland County: At a Court held for Goochland County 21st of August 1832

On this day^{21st August 1832} personally appeared in open court, before the justices of the Court of Goochland County, now sitting George Southworth a resident of the County of Goochland and State of Virginia aged 70 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. – He was a volunteer in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Anthony New, Lieutenant Gregory Baynham, he was then a resident citizen of the County of Caroline and the term the company volunteered for it was two months: cannot recollect the date of the time when he volunteered. – He marched from Caroline to Richmond and rendezvoused at Richmond for a short time, from Richmond we marched down the River & crossed the River some distance below Richmond & then went down the South side of the River to Mackey's Mills, from there we came up the River to Cabin Point & from thence to Petersburg where we remained some time & were then discharged & returned home to Caroline County. Sometime thereafter he again volunteered & marched to Williamsburg, & some time thereafter a detachment of which I was one was marched to Burwell's ferry where the British fleet then lay, and being attacked by about 500 of the British and our numbers being only a Captain's command we retreated back to Williamsburg, can't now remember the names of any of the officers then at Williamsburg; there were at that time at Williamsburg about 700 of our troops: – from Williamsburg we crossed York River at Ruffin's ferry, & from thence marched to Richmond & the day after we reached Richmond, the British were in Manchester & set fire to the warehouses in Manchester [April 30, 1781]. I then obtained a discharge & returned home to Caroline; don't recollect how long we were out in that second tour. But believe it was two months as that was the general length of the tours at that time. Then in about eight or ten days I took the place of John Brown as his substitute and rendezvoused at Chesterfield in Caroline – under the command of Colonel Philip Johnson; from thence we went to old Stephen Johnson's Tavern in Spotsylvania & from thence to Fredericksburg & there we rolled all the tobacco out of the warehouses by the order of General Weedon [George Weedon] – from there we went to the Raccoon ford on the Rapidan [River] & remained there three days, when the troops came on from the North General Wayne being one of the Commanding officers & there a junction being formed between the northern troops & the Marquis de Lafayette, when we all pursued the enemy to Dandridge's near Allen's Creek in the County of Hanover, & now recollect that General Muhlenberg was at that time also with the Army. The British lay about four miles from us at a place called the retreat, on the night we were at Dandridge's Colonel Mathews was the officer of the night, we

[indecipherable word]¹ an alarm that time: next morning we marched in pursuit of the enemy & when we got to the retreat the British were gone leaving their fires burning fresh when we reached there; we followed the enemy down to old Jamestown; from Jamestown we crossed the River to the Gloucester side opposite Yorktown, where I think I was under the command of General Weedon where we remained until Lord Cornwallis surrendered at York [October 19, 1781], & from thence we marched the British up to Fredericksburg & when [we] passed through Caroline & being within four miles of my father's I received a discharge & went home: which discharge as well as my previous discharges I have lost: third tour I have no recollection how long I was out, but the general tour being about two months & as much longer as we were required to stay until relief came. I served another tour previous to this last but cannot now recollect any particulars about it being so often marched & countermarched through the country I have lost all distinct recollection about it, except that in one tour we were at Williamsburg the whole time & that our barracks were the old capitol & now suppose that must be the tour of which I cannot recollect the occurrences or the routes we marched: (in all I was in service about eight months. – That he has no documentary evidence and that he is not certain that he knows any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. There was a man by the name of Norman Harvey² living about twelve months past either in Hanover or Caroline who was a trooper under Captain Thomas Pemberton late in this County that was in service at that same time I was that I accidentally met with in the City of Richmond that could testify as to part of my services, but whether he is now living I know not. He never received any compensation for his services. – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. – That he resided in the County of Caroline where he was born, a part of the time since the Revolution, a part of the time in Hanover, a part in Louisa, one year in King George & has resided in the County of Goochland of which he is now a citizen between 18 & 20 years.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 15th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting George Southworth a resident of said County and State, 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was born on the 8th day of May 1762 and thinks his first tour was performed in the fall season of the year in which he was sixteen, and consequently it must have been in the year 1778 that he first served. That he does not recollect any particulars of this tour further than those stated, and that in this tour he served two months as private, in the infantry, to the best of his recollection. That he supposes he served a tour in Williamsburg him between the first and the second as set forth in his former declaration, but from the length of time which has elapsed, his youth at that time, in his present advanced age, he is entirely unable to recall the circumstances

¹  [post?]

² FPA S38005

of that tour, at large or the officers names. – He recollects that the troops lodged in the old capitol, that the whole time was spent in Williamsburg, and that they had a quiet ~~time~~ and an uninterrupted service. And that he verily believes he served in this tour at least two months in the same station. That according to his present recollection the tour mentioned in his former statement as the second was the third, and that duty was performed in the first part of the year in which Cornwallis was captured – that in relation to this tour he cannot recollect any other officers were general circumstances. And that he served also 2 months as private, in the infantry. That in his 3rd tour as formerly mentioned, that the 4th tour according to his present recollection, the troops were embodied the very day on which General Lafayette's Army reached Scotch town in Hanover on their retreat from the Enemy under Cornwallis. That the officers were as formerly mentioned with the exception of his Lieutenant (Dejarnet [Joseph Dejarnet]) whom he has since recollected, and General Lawson. That he was discharged at the time mentioned in his former Declaration and that he served in that tour at least 2 months in the same Capacity. That he can procure no testimony in relation to his service, and that he refers to Reverend Lewis Chandoin and Robert Pace for his character and the reputation of the neighborhood as to his services.

To Question 1st he replies. In the County of Caroline the 8th of May 1762

to Question 2nd. I have the Family Register

To Question 3rd. When I was called into service I lived in Caroline since then in King George & Goochland Counties –

To Question 4th. I was drafted 3 times, and the 4th time I substituted myself for one Brown

To Question 5th. This question was answered to the satisfaction of the Court –

To Question 6th. I never received a written discharge.

To Question 7th. The Reverend Lewis Chandoin & Mr. Robert Pace.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Southworth

[Lewis Chandoin, a clergyman, and Robert Pace gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 28: On March 22, 1843 in Goochland County Virginia, Elizabeth Southworth, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of George Southworth; that she married her husband in the month of January 1786 in the County of Goochland; that they were married by Parson Ford; and that her husband died November 13, 1839.]

[f p. 14: Copy of a marriage bond issued January 19, 1786 in Goochland County Virginia to George Southworth and John Barnett conditioned upon the marriage of George Southworth and Elizabeth Barnett

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]