

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thornton Lowry W8088

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State of Virginia        } SS  
County of Goochland }

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Novem 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of the said county now sitting, Thornton Lowry a resident of said county of Goochland & state of Virginia aged seventy one 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers & served as herein stated. In the year 1779 some time in the summer as well as he recollects he was called into service and marched as a militiaman from the county of Goochland where he then resided, under the command of Capt. Samuel Richardson, Lieutenant [James] Overstreet & Ensign Wm. Cole to the barracks near Charlottesville in the county of Albemarle where he remained in service for two months as he now thinks & was then discharged. afterwards in the following winter as well as he now recollects he served another tour of two months under the same officers at the barracks in Albemarle. upon his return home in the month of June in the year seventeen hundred & eighty he was drafted for a six months tour to go with a Capt'n Ted Curd [Edmund Curd] to Hillsborough in North Carolina, but being unwell at the time he got a furlough [for] a few days from Col. John Woodson & was ordered to join the Army at Hillsborough as soon as he was able; in a very short time he did join the army there and was put under the immediate command of a Capt'n Charles Christian. He remained during this tour in & about Hillsborough & towards the latter part of it was under the direction of Vaughan, whose rank he does not now remember, in attendance to & taking care of the Artillery horses He obtained his discharge there of General [Horatio] Gates after his defeat [at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. Some time about the first of the Spring in the year 1781 he was ordered out again & marched under Capt. Elisha Leake [or Elisha Leak] with Lieut Anderson Peers, & Ensign Wm McCall [William McCaul] from the county of Goochland to the city of Richmond & from thence he marched as a guard to a parcel of prisoners, thro' Fredericksburg to the town of Winchester where was discharged; in this tour he thinks he served one month. Very quickly after his return from Winchester in the early part of the year 1781 he was called out again & then marched first under the command of Capt'n Sam'l. Richardson from the said County of Gooch[land] to the borders of James River below Richmond. He was frequently shifted from one Captain to another during this tour & never remained statio[ned] long at one place, but was ever marching up & down watching the movements of the enemy in their vessels upon the River. [Page torn] tinued in this tour about six or seven weeks, & was then discharge by Maj'r. Miles Selden from the camp near Gillies Creek below Richmond.

He thus served the United States nearly thirteen months.

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.

NOTE: On 25 Oct 1843 Anne Lowry, 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Thornton Lowry in Aug 1788, and he died 19 Aug 1843.