

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Aaron Thomas W2704

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[Punctuation, grammar & spelling corrected for clarity]

State of North Carolina Macon County: Corte [sic, Court] of Pleas & quarter Sessions  
December Term 1832

On this 28 day of December 1832 personally appeared in open corte [sic, court] before the Justice of the court of pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting Aaron Thomas a resident of Macon County aged about 72 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 the 7th June 1832. I was born in the year 1760 in Orange County N. Carolina the 27 day of January and entered into the services of the United States in the year 1780 as a drafted man for [a] three month tour [sic, tour] under the command of Col. Lock [sic, Francis Locke] & I believe the Capt's name was Thomas Franaun [?]; entered in the month of July; marched from Salisbury to Rocky River then marched near Camden & then I was put under the Command of Gen. Gates [Horatio Gates] & I was in Gates' army when he was defeated near Camden [Battle of Camden]. I then was with others gathered together & discharged in Roan [sic, Rowan] County N. Carolina. My next tour I entered at Salisbury N. Carolina as a drafted man for a three month tour in the year 1781 under the command of Col. Marllinage [? Malmedy?]. and Capt. Humphrey and I marched under them to the Virginia line guarding the prisoners taken at the battle of the Cowpens in South Carolina but I believe I did not serve all the time quiet out [several illegible words] of being taken by the British Army under Cornwallace [sic, Charles Lord Cornwallis]. We were dismissed to escape being taken prisoner. I went out again as a volunteer or as a minit [sic, minute] man in the month of August 1781 & continued on until January following 1782 & in the latter part of January 1782, I entered the Service again in Salisbury under the command of Maj. Isaac Lewis [spelled "Luis"] and Capt Charles Gordon of the N. Carolina state [?] as a regular & I believe that Governor Martin was the Commander in Chief & was kept guarding prisoners until July. I then marched to Hillsborough after scouting through the country after Tories and particularly after a Tory officer named Fannor [sic, David Fanning] then got back about Hillsborough & marched to one James Pault's [?] & then was discharged making a twelve month tour. My discharges have all been lost or mislaid so that I know nothing about them. I have no way of proving my services, my 2 certificates transmitted. My age was recorded in a spelling book. My 12 month discharge was given by Lewis; one 3-month discharge [was given by] Col. Locke. My minute man tour I got no discharge.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

I moved from Rowan to Wilkes County N.C., then to Lincoln N.C., then to Rutherford N. C. & continued there 42 years then on one plantation, then to Macon County where I am now living.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Pathman, J. P.

S/ Aaron Thomas