Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Wingfield R11715 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia Hanover County to wit

On this 22nd day of May 1845 personally appeared before me Charles P Goodall a Justice of the peace for the County of Hanover, and a member of the Court of said County, being a Court of record, William Wingfield a resident of the said County of Hanover, in the State of Virginia, aged eighty-four 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 in the revolutionary war, in the militia of Virginia, about the year 1778, that he served three tours, of two months and three months each. That he remembers he was commanded by Captain Thomas Trevilian, and Captain Stokle Towles [Stockley Towles] – he remembers that Colonel Morris was in command during part of his service – That he was in the Army which retreated before Lord Cornwallis, when he came from the South, that he was met by the American Army by Lafayette, and Wayne in the upper or mountainous parts of Virginia – that he was taken sick and sent to Charlottesville – one of the tours he served from Goochland – this was under Captain Towles – he then lived in Goochland where he lived one-year – his other service commenced in Hanover – he was born in Hanover. where he has always lived except one year in Goochland during the revolution – he was born in April in 1761 – so says his register, now not in his power to produce – his first tour was as a substitute for his father – his other service was as a drafted militia man – his services commenced in Hanover and in Goochland Counties - he has ever lived in Hanover County since the revolution – he remembers Major Armistead of the regulars – General Wayne and General Lafayette – his services were rendered in Virginia in various parts of the state – from below Yorktown to the mountains – he is known by Colonel Charles P Goodall, Rich'd W James, Hector Davis, Nathaniel Cross, and Edmund Gilman of his neighborhood by the last of whom he can prove his actual service and by all his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution – he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – That his name is not on the pension roll of any other State or indeed on any whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed before me S/ C. P. Goodall, JP

S/ Wm Wingfield

[Garland James, a clergyman, Edmund Gilman, Hector Davis, Nathaniel Cross, Garland James gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Hanover County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Charles P Goodall a justice of the peace for the County of Hanover, Edmund Gilman¹ who made oath that he was well acquainted with William Wingfield who has made the foregoing declaration, had known him in the revolution and that the said Wingfield served a tour of 2 months during the revolution at Williamsburg and in that part of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Trevilian – this service was in the year 1778 or 1779 – and remembers that said Wingfield served another tour of 3 months about the time Lafayette retreated before the British forces when they came from the South – that the affiant served 14 months himself in the militia, knows Wingfield served several tours, that Wingfield is 3 years older than himself.

Sworn & subscribed before me this May 22, 1845

S/ CP Goodall, JP

S/ Edmund Gilman

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Virginia Hanover County to wit

This day William Wingfield (who from bodily infirmity is unable to attend court) personally appeared before me Charles P Goodall a Justice of the Peace for the said County and made the following Supplemental declaration to enable him to receive the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 15th of May 1828 [sic] That he served three tours in the militia of Virginia in the revolutionary war, as a soldier, that two of those tours were for two months each, and one for three months that his first tour was from the County of Hanover and was for two months as a substitute for his father, the name of the Captain & field officers he does not recollect, this tour was in the year 1778 he was stationed in the lower parts of Virginia, his next tour was from Hanover, and was for three months, the company was commanded by Captain Thomas Trevillian, the field officers he does not recollect, he was stationed in the lower parts of Virginia principally this tour in the year 1779. His next tour was from the County of Goochland and was for two months; the company was commanded by Captain Stokley Towles the field officer recollected was Colonel Morris, he was stationed in the lower parts of Virginia principally; this tour was in the year 1781. The reason why he has not made application before the passage of the Pension act of 1828, he had in consequence of great mental disquietude, which was perfectly beyond his power to control secluded himself from the ordinary pursuits of life, but having recovered in a great measure, from that unhappy condition which incapacitated him from stating things more specifically; and that from the passage of the act of Congress until recently his circumstances, and that of his family (children & grandchildren) did not seem to render any aid from government in his way of a Pension necessary but circumstances have now changed, and he now considers that whatever is his own in this respect he should receive.

Given under my hand & subscribed this 28th day of August 1845 S/ C. P. Goodall, JP

[fn p. 10: "The printed list of 1852 gives cause of rejection (suspension) as follows: 'for further details & proof of service.'"]

¹ FPA S8565