

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Waddell (Woodell, Waddle) S11697

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State of Virginia Mason County: 2 with

On this 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord Christ 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Mason now sitting Thomas Waddle – a resident of the County of Mason – on the bank of the Ohio River – and Commonwealth of Virginia – aged seventy-three years last August who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

He was born in Augusta County Virginia in August A.D. 1759 and in December A.D. 1780 he was drafted in the autumn of that year to serve a tour of militia duty and marched under Captain Patterson to join the Army under General McIntosh but before he joined the main Army his father followed the Company and substituted one __ Smith in his place and took him home again. Smith it is confidently believed honestly served a tour of duty and returned again to Augusta. After his return home to Augusta County Virginia and in December of the year A.D. 1780, he was again drafted and marched under the command of the former Captain Patterson and was ordered to Richmond and on the road the orders were changed from Richmond to Fredericksburg and again the orders were changed and the Company crossed the James River at Sandy Point and was marched to Portsmouth Virginia and Camp Carson at which places alternately he would pass the winter. Colonel Mathews and Colonel Bowers were the Superior officers and it is believed the whole was under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] – he was discharged in March following and returned to Augusta County again about the 20th of April A.D. 1781 at Augusta he was drafted and marched under the command of Captain Jno. Dickey [John Dickey] as a Sergeant near to Williamsburg and joined the Army and was attached to General Campbell's Command – served a three month tour of Duty and was discharged – and returned again to Augusta – he has no documentary Evidence whatever – his written discharge was blurred with another individual the name of McComb and by the said McComb retained – he knows of no Person whatever whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Peter Peck Sen. of the County of Mason & born [?] of Va 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 whatever.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos Woodell



[William Hawkins and Isaac Robinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared in open Court Peter Peck Senior¹ who made oath that he saw Thomas Waddle the above named applicant in actual service whilst performing a tour of Military duty at Portsmouth Virginia where and when this affiant was also performing a tour of Militia duty himself.

Sworn and subscribed to on the day and year aforesaid

S/ Peter Peck, Sen., X his mark

Virginia Mason County: to wit

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Commonwealth Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid the within named Thomas Waddle who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the particular days that he entered and left the service in the different tours of duty mentioned in the within declaration. But according to the best of his recollection he served as follows viz. His first tour of duty detailed in the within declaration in which Smith was substituted as is before set forth the draft was for three months he is positive and thinks that the troops marched on that occasion about the last of September or the first of October 1780. The balance of the particulars in relation to that tour of service is detailed as particularly in the declaration as this affiant's memory will permit.

His second Tour of duty as detailed in the within declaration he believes commenced on the 23rd day of December 1780 and ended on the 23rd of March 1781. He is led to the belief from the fact that he well recollects viz. That he reached home from Portsmouth where he was discharged on the 10th day of April 1781.

His 3rd tour of duty he well recollects commenced on the 20th day of April 1781 and he is positive that he was discharged in August following this tour was wholly performed as and in the capacity of a Sergeant but this affiant is in position that he served not less than 3 months as a private in proper person – not less than 3 months as a Sergeant and it is believed his substitute Smith also served not less than 3 months as a private – and if so he would have served 9 months in all – 3 of which as a Sergeant and 6 of which as a private and for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the 8th day of August 1833

S/ Thos. W????

S/ Samuel McCulloch, JP

And by way of Supplement I the subscriber have hereunto added the questions prescribed by the War Department and have also added to the questions the answers given by the applicant as follows to wit

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born? Ans. In Augusta County Virginia 80 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans. I have no record of my age I only know of my age but knowing how old I was when I left my father's house by hearsay and adding in the length of time that has since elapsed. That I am old I know by my gray hair loss of sight hearing and taste which senses are all partially impaired by time alone and the failure of my limbs to perform as in bygone times

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into service I was living in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia since the revolutionary war I have lived in Virginia part of the time in the County of Augusta and

¹ FPA S18156

the balance of the time the is about 35 years I have lived in the County of Mason – where I still live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Ans. Each tour of duty I was drafted I never volunteered or was a substitute for any person

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer My first Tour of duty what time I served was with General McIntosh my Captain name is stated in the declaration. My 2nd tour of duty was again under Captain Patterson – my Colonel name __ Sampson Mathews. The General named Muhlenberg – at Portsmouth I frequently saw Generals Washington and Wayne – there were a large number of Continental soldiers at Portsmouth but I do not recollect their numbers or names. My 3rd tour of duty was performed under the command of Captain John Dickey Colonel's name dance General Campbell commanded – there I frequently saw Generals Washington & Wayne and some 6 or 8 other General officers whose names I do not know as well here as at Portsmouth. There were a large number of regular soldiers near to General Campbell's command but I do not recollect their numbers or were they were from. As to the General circumstances of my service – The service that I performed was active and hard. The British Army commanded by Lord Cornwallis lay in Portsmouth all the winter I was there that part of the American Army that I was attached to lay at camp Carson between Nansemond River and the Dismal Swamp. The regular Army lay on the opposite side of the Nansemond River from us. The part of the Army to which was attached frequently were marched to the British lines. I was once with a party that surprised and out picket of the British Army consisting of seven persons five of whom were captured one killed and one estate.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Ans. I never received but one discharge and then as stated in my declaration it was combined with one McComb's what has become of it them I know not

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Ans. Some of my neighbors who it is believed are known to the Department who it is believed would testify are Doctor Jesse Bennell of Mason County Doctor Shaw of Point Pleasant and Major Andrew Waggoner of Point Pleasant – who fought at Craney Island during the late war all persons to whom I can refer there are at least 50 others whose names it is unnecessary for me to repeat –

S/ Thos Waddell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos Waddell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thos Waddell".

[facts in file: veteran died February 20, 1839, place not stated; this file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia militia.]