Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Thornhill S3794
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State of Ohio Knox County SS

On this 24th day of September 1832 Personally appeared before the Judges of the court of common pleas for the said County Ruben Thornhill a resident of the County of Knox and State of Ohio aged 74 years on the 25th day of December 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Captain Thomas Porter and served in the [number of the Regiment not recollected) (and whether in the Continental line or state troops of Virginia Applicant does not now recollect) – served under the following officers to wit Colonel Francis Taylor Lieutenant Colonel William Fountain, Major John Roberts & Captain Thomas Porter Entered the service in the month of November 1778 and left the service in the month of March 1781 resided when he entered the service in Culpeper County Virginia, rendezvoused at Fairfax in said County and marched to the Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia and was stationed there one year & eight or nine months and then marched to Winchester Virginia and stayed there until discharged – And again in the summer of 1781 he served six months as a volunteer and marched from Raccoon Ford in said County of Culpeper to Luiza [Louisa] Courthouse then under General Washington's command to Hanover Court House in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis' Army then to Morbon Hills [Malvern Hills] then to hot water where they had a scrimmage with Cornwallis' Army then to James Town and was in the Battle at that place under General Wayne – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Alexander Elliott Clerk

S/ Reuben Thornhill

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private in the Virginia service.]