Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Taunt S42036 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina, Craven County

Thomas Taunt maketh Oath that he is at this time and always has been a Citizen resident of the County of Craven, deponent enlisted in the Continental line of the State of North Carolina in the War of the Revolution in the 10th Regiment, but after arriving at Head Quarters at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania he was transferred to the company commanded by Captain Robert Fenner in the second North Carolina Regiment – deponent was a drummer & served in that Capacity until the surrender of the Army at Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. He continued a prisoner about 13 months when he was exchanged at Jamestown in Virginia. His whole term of service was not less than three years and nine months. He was discharged at Richmond in Virginia – his discharge is lost. He believes he entered the service in the year 1779 but cannot say positively – deponent is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to before me May 1, 1818.

S/ Thomas Taunt

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Newbern [sic, New Bern] S/ Jno. F. Smith, JP

James Jones¹ at this time a resident of the County of Carteret in the State of North Carolina, but heretofore of Craven County in said State maketh oath, that he was a soldier in the second North Carolina Regiment of the Continental establishment during the War of the Revolution and served upwards of three years. He was well acquainted with Thomas Taunt, whose deposition precedes deponent's, and knows that said Taunt served as a drummer in said Regiment for more than three years.

Sworn to before me at New Bern the first day of May 1818. S/ James Jones, X his mark

S/ Jno. F. Smith, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 1st, 1818, for service as a musician in the North Carolina Continental line.]

James Jones S41700