Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Anthony P. Lipford W2623
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State of Virginia }
Pittsylvania County towit }

On this 21st day of October in the year One thousand Eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court of Pittsylvania now sitting Anthony P. Lipford a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy eight 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, the day month or year he does not now exactly remember under Capt Charles Ballen [sic: Ballow], his Lieutenant was named Threadgill and his Ensign was named John Nowlin. He entered the service as a substitute for a certain George Wright at Cumberland Court House Virginia for a Tour of Eight Months. He was marched to rendezvous at Hillsborough in North Carolina and was there attached to the fourth Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Colo. [George] Stubblefield. His Major was named Spencer. From thence he was marched to Rougely's Mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill] in South Carolina under Gen'l Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] near Camden where Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates was Commander in Chief. From Rougely's Mills he was marched to meet the British army. The two army's met after the American army was gone a few miles and had an engagement [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. The American army under Gates was defeated. After that he came back to Hillsborough with four or five hundred others. He was then moved to New Garden in [Guilford County] North Carolina and after staying there a while was moved to Gilford Court House where he served out his tour. Capt. Ballen was with him when he came back to Hillsborough and was at New Garden but finally left the troops. The number dwindled down to a Captain's command. He does not now remember that Captains name distinctly but is under the impression it was Daniel and he was discharged by him at Guilford Court House. He got his discharge on his return home in the hands of his Father and he cannot now tell what has become of it. He also states that in a short time after he came home he was drafted in the service again, under Capt. Wm. Meredith at Cumberland Court House. Capt. Merediths Lieutenant was named Robert Anderson. From Cumberland C. H. he was marched to Richmond and from Richmond to Wilton. At that time he was attached to the third Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Colo. Wilson. Major Maclumen [probably Charles Deklaman] was his Major. At Wilton LaFayette was Commander. From Wilton he was marched to Raccoon ford on the Rappahannock. There Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne met them. at He was there discharged by Gen'l. Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] his Brigadier Gen'l. This was a tour of three Months, and his discharge for that tour is also lost. He has no documentary evidence to prove his service except the affidavits, herewith filed. He was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia in the year 1755 as he is informed by his Parents. He has no record of his age. When he entered the service he lived in the County of Cumberland Virginia and there remained till the year 1788. He then moved to Pittsylvania County Virginia and now lives there. The first tour of his Service he was a Substitute for George Wright and the second tour he was drafted. He has above stated as far as he is able the names of Officers &c and also the names of the regiments and Circumstances of his service. For the Names of Persons to whom he is known in his present Neighbourhood and who can testify for his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution he refers to Sam'l. M. Lowell, Robert Cook, Coalman D Bennett, & a thousand others if needful. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Anthy P. hisXmark Lipford

NOTE: On 11 Nov 1853 Elizabeth Lipford, 63, applied for a pension stating that as Elizabeth Ferguson she married Anthony P. Lipford on 20 April 1827, and he died 4 Feb 1841.