Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Payne S38980 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Virginia to wit

At a Court held for Hampshire County the 18th day of August 1829 Present George Sharpe, John Sloan, Epperson Dann & John Stamp Gent Justices

On the 18th day of August 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record George Payne age upwards of seventy years resident in Hampshire County Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said George Payne enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1780 in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain [Francis] Atwell who marched said company to Fredericksburg at which place said Payne was put under the command of Captain Armstead, That he belonged to Second Regiment commanded by Col John Green and afterwards by Col. Samuel Hawes and Major Smith Snead in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, That he continued to serve in the said corps until the 17th day of January 1782 when he was discharged from the service in Salisbury in the State of North Carolina

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that is name is not on the pension roll of any State and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. 1st That he did not know whether he could get a pension & secondly he wished to struggle for a support as long as possible

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 the said George Payne did solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed, and that since the 18th of March 1818 no change has taken place in his property, That his estate consists of some few tools worth about ten dollars and a horse saddle & bridle worth about forty dollars, That his trade or occupation is that of a mill wright, that for the last three or four years he has not been able to pursue it altho he has worked occasionally at it, and that he has no family and that he stands in need of his Country for support

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Geo. Payne/ age 23/ height 5′ 9″/ farmer/ born in Stafford County VA/ residing in Fauquier County/ light hair, gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months.