## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of Thomas Montague S5775

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State of Virginia \_\_\_\_ County to wit

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Cumberland Thomas Montague a resident of the said County in the State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he is a native of the County of Cumberland and has always resided there that he is in his 79<sup>th</sup> year of age, that he enlisted in the year 1775 as a private in Captain John Markham's Company in the first Virginia Regiment then in the service of the State of Virginia which Regiment was at that time commanded by Colonel Patrick Henry. That he enlisted for one-year and served his time out and was discharged at Williamsburg. That he never was out of the State of Virginia during that service. That he was chiefly employed about Williamsburg, Norfolk and the long bridge, that he was at Norfolk when it was burnt by the enemy [January 1, 1776]. – That sometime in the year 1781 he was called out a draft upon the militia and marched from Cumberland as a private in the company commanded by Captain William Meredith to join the Marquis de Lafavette's Army. That he remained in service until the junction of the Marquis de Lafayette's Army with General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne] Army near the Raccoon Ford when they were discharged and returned home. This tour of duty he thinks was about three months to the best of his recollection. That he has a Register of his age at home. 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.

S/ Thomas Montague

Thomas Montague

State of Virginia Cumberland County to wit

This day Rice D Montague<sup>1</sup> personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he well recollects that his brother Thomas Montague enlisted in the regular Army for one year under Captain John Markham, and has a perfect recollection of his return from the Army. The said Rice D Montague also states that he was in service with his brother Thomas Montague in Captain William Meredith's Company of militia from the County of Cumberland and that they served a three months tour together in said

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rice D. Montague W2416

Company in the year 1781 and were discharged In the County of Orange near the Raccoon Ford. And I furthermore certify that the said Rice D Montague is a credible person, and worthy

of belief on oath.

Given under my hand and seal this  $24^{th}$  day of September 1832. S/ Hez. Ford

State of Virginia Cumberland County to wit

This day Obadiah Johnson<sup>2</sup> personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the said County and made Oath that he well recollects to have been in service with Thomas Montague of Cumberland County, that they marched from Cumberland together as members of Captain William Meredith's Company to join the Marquis de Lafayette's Army near Richmond in the year 1781 and that they served out there tour of three months together and was discharged near the Raccoon Ford in Orange. And I do further certify that the said Obadiah Johnson is a credible person and worthy of belief on Oath.

Given under my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832

S/ Hez. Ford

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$36.44 per annum for 14 months service as a private in the Virginia service; his pension was subsequently increased to \$46.66 per annum both commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Obadiah Johnson R5646