Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Partlow S5871 Transcribed by Will Graves f11VA 9/21/12

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State of Virginia Culpeper County SS

On this 18th day of July 1832 personally appeared before William Walden a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia Benjamin Partlow a resident in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia aged seventy 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 the 7th of June 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted in the Militia service – That he was drafted during the Revolutionary War in a Company commanded by Capt. Coxen [?] in th County of Culpeper Virginia and was marched to the Albemarle Barracks as a guard to the British prisoners quartered there – and there continued until the time for which he was drafted expired, which he thinks was three months, when he was discharged from the service, The month and year when called into service not now recollected. That he was again drafted into the militia service for a three months tour of duty from the County of Culpeper in the Company commanded by Capt. ____ Rogers and marched to the Malvin Hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond Virginia and joined the troops stationed there under the command of General Edward Stevens who had command of the troops at that place, shortly after arriving at Head quarters, he was detailed from the line to drive a wagon, in which capacity he continued to serve until his tour expired and he was discharged from the service.

He was drafted several other times for short intervals, the length of them not now recollected – That he is positive that he served in all more than six months – Though the precise time he cannot now undertake to specify. That he has no documentary evidence to prove his service. That he can prove the service at Albemarle Barracks by a living witness, Thomas Thornhill Senior of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia. That the tour of three months rendered at the Malvern Hills he does not know that he can prove by any living witness. That he is in farm, that he is unable to go to the Court of the County of Culpeper having been attacked with a paralysis, which has confined him to his House for several years past –

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 before me S/Wm Walden S/Benjamin Partlow²

[.] The War Department read this name as "Cown."

² The handwriting of the signature is identical to the handwriting of the document itself and therefore I do not believe that it is the actual signature of the veteran.

We Thomas Thornhill Senior³ Thomas Jones and William Bowen all residents of the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia hereby declare that we have been acquainted with Benjamin Partlow for many years past, who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration, that we believe him to be seventy years of age, That Thomas Thornhill Senior swore that he was in the service at Albemarle Barracks as stated in his Declaration, and that they messed together, and belonged to the same Company at that place; and Thomas Jones Senior and William Bowen Senior neighbors of said Partlow, and have so lived for many years past, declare that he is reputed and believed to have been in the neighborhood where he lives a soldier of the Revolution, and that they concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Thornhill, Senior

S/ William Bowen

S/ Thomas Jones

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

³ This MAY be the same man as **Thomas Thornhill S46518**