

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Chancellor S9176

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State of Virginia Buckingham County to Wit

On this 3rd day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Jonathan P. Phelps one of the Justice of the peace for the County of Buckingham and as such one of the Justices of the Court of Buckingham in the State aforesaid (which is a Court of Record) Thomas Chancellor a resident in the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia aged seventy nine 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 as a private first under the Command of Capt. Meriwether [see endnote] of the 3rd Regiment that he rendezvoused and marched from the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia, he marched to Williamsburg, that a part of the Company went to the [several illegible words], that the Commanding officers at the time were Gen'l. [George] Weedon Colo. Mathews & Maj. Armstead [probably Thomas Armistead], that when they were left by Gen'l. Weedon they were under the Command of Gen'l. [Thomas] Nelson, that in this tour he was drafted and served three months was in no battle, he does not recollect the year but it was about the commencement of the War, he received a discharge but does not know what became of it or who signed it, that he was drafted from the County of Hanover to serve a second tour, that he marched from Hanover through New Kent, James City and Williamsburg, to York, where he served three months. I do not recollect the commanding officers names but thinks Colo. Matthews was there, he was in no engagement he had a discharge but does not know what has become of it or who signed it, [two illegible words] recollect at this time the name of his Capt. That he was drafted a third Tour to clear out the roads, he does not know whether he staid quite three months but the service was to go for a tour of three months that he was under Command of a Lieutenant but does not recollect his name, that he served a fourth tour as a private for a man by the name of Benjamin Bowles he marched from the County of Hanover through Richmond to Mobin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], to Charles City Court House and from there to Williamsburg, that while there Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne had a skirmish with the enemy at or near James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], that in this tour he served fifteen days over his three months in consequence of the enemy being near, Gen'l. Lafayette was the Commander he also recollects Maj'r. Armstead, and no other officer at this time he had a discharge but does not know what has become of it, or who signed it, That upon Interogatories propounded he states in answer to the first, that he was born in the County of Goochland and State of Virginia in the year 1754. in answer to the second he states that he has no record of his age that his [illegible word] informed him of the date of his birth, In Answer to the third, he states that at each time he was called into the service he resided in the County of Hanover and State of Virginia after the revolutionary War he moved to the County of Buckingham where he still resides, In Answer to the fifth he states that he does not recollect any of the Officers except Gen'l. Lafayette Gen'l. Wayne Colo. Mathews Gen'l. Weadon Gen'l. Nelson & Maj. Armstead, he does not now recollect any of the Capts. names he was under except Capt. Meriwether In Answer to the Sixth he states as he has before that he received written discharges but does not know who signed them or what has become of them, and in Answer to the seventh he refers to the affidavit of James H. Marshall, and as to his character for veracity, and also for general belief that he was a soldier during the revolutionary war, he will name Maj. William Duval, George Christian the Rev'd. Gabriel Walker Charles[?] and James Patteson Doc'r. Mace C. Spencer Gen'l P Christian[?] & [illegible] Newton. That from age and infirmity of body he is unable to attend at the Court House to qualify to his declaration for a pension, He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia Thomas Chancellor who being first duly sworn, deposeth and saith that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For the first tour he served as a private three months, that he serve a second tour of three months that he served a third tour as a private and was employed in clearing out roads did serve quite three months but the service was to go for a three months tour. That he served a fourth tour of three months and fifteen days, he knows that in all he served One year and for which services I claim a pension. Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid [sic]

NOTE: Chancellor's first tour may have been in 1775 in the Independent Company of Hanover commanded at first by Capt. Samuel Meriwether.