Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Norman W26580 Frances Norman VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 8 Dec 2020.

State of Virginia } Culpeper County } S.S.

On this 14th day of August 1832, personally appeared before the justices of the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting, Thomas Norman a resident of St Mark's Parish in the County of Culpeper in the state of Virginia aged seventy two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 (in the state troops of Virginia) with Ben Roberts [Benjamin Roberts S31343] and served in the [blank] Regiment of the [blank] line under the following named officers, to wit, Benjamin Roberts was Captain, Joseph Saunders [S11347] Lieutenant and Robert Green [W8866] Ensign as well as he recollects of the original Company, which was formed in the County of Culpeper in which said applicant lived, raised with Captain Mark Thomas's [R18446] Company to march to the falls of Ohio [at present Louisville KY], then a part of this state, to aid in building and defending the fort that Major George Slaughter [W8729], called a Col, had the command, of these companies in the march out and untill the fall 1781 when Col Crocket [sic: Joseph Crockett S46377], a sup'r, officer to Slaughter took the command that he served two years only in enlistment, that he was in no noted Battle, but had several skirmishes with Indians that they march out of Virginia into Pensylvania and took water to the falls of Ohio at Redstone [Fort Redstone at present Brownsville PA], that he left the service in the fall of 1781 that he had a regular discharge from Major George Slaughter as he believes, which some few years afterwards he sent to Richmond by a Delegate from the County of Culpeper to the Legislature of Virginia for the purpose of getting a Certificate of pay, which he received and sold; he has seen neither since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed this day in open Court.

Thomas Norman

Culpeper Cty Va

Thomas Norman Esq who makes the foregoing application has long been a Magistrate of this County & member of the County Court bench. He was a close neighbour to my father, and has been known to me from my Boyhood. His character is fair as a man of truth & integrity

J. S. Barbour/ Septr 6th 1832

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

To Hon'ble John Floyd Governor of Virginia. The Affidavit enclosed [not found] is in support of the claim of Thomas Norman of Culpeper for land which he alledges himself to have due him for service in the war of the Revolution. He served as a private soldier in the Regiment commanded by Major George Slaughter and in the company of which B. Roberts was captain. He claims 200 acres of Land under the acts of Assembly of May & October 1779 or 80 which see in John S. Barbours Report to Congress at the Session of 31-31. He is now a Pensioner under the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832 for two years service in [part missing at bottom of page] or as it is called the [part missing at bottom of page; signature of D. S. Slaughter missing]

State of Virginia } SS
Rappahannock County }
On this 20 days of Assert 1822 hafaya the subscribe

On this 26 day of August 1833 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said county

personally appeared William Smith [S7548] a resident of said county aged 77 years and of good character for veracity and morality and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith, that he and Thomas Norman of Culpeper County Virginia who is applying for his bounty land, enlisted in Captain Benjamin Roberts's company Maj'r George Slaughter's troops and marched to the Ohio River for the protection of that part of the country. That said Norman was a serjeant in said company and acted a such for some time and that the Thomas Norman to whom this is given is the identical person who rendered the above service which was a two years enlistment and that the above service commenced in to the best of his recollection in the fall of 1779 and that their term of service expired in the fall of the year 1781. Given under my hand the day and date as above written. Wm. Walden

Petition for Bounty land.

Thomas Norman Sold'r S. line.

The evidence proves an enlistment & service of two years only, in the army under the Command of Gen'l. G. R. Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark VAS269]. The time of service (from the fall of 1779 to the fall of 1781) forbids the belief, that this soldier was one of the volunteers under Gen'l. Clarke, who was at the taking of the British Posts, & who were entitled (each) to 200 acres of land, by law.

Capt. Benjamin Roberts (in whose company it is said Norman enlisted & servd) commanded men, who generally enlisted for three years. But the proof, in this case, is that the enlistment was for two years, and the service not longer.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency/ Gov'r Tazewell May 5th 1834

1834 July 25 Rejected

NOTES:

The following appears in the pension application of William Bowen S8081: Auditors Office Richmond/ 22 April 1833.

Sir/ Your communications of the 12 and 17th inst I have duly received and proceed the earliest convenient moment to answer.

I find among the papers relating to the Illinois Department of the Revolutionary army, a muster Roll, and only one, of Capt Benjamin Robert's company whilst in service under General Clarke. The Roll is very much defaced by time, but on minute examination I think there is no doubt but that the names of Wm. Bowen a corporal and Thomas Norman a private are to be found thereon. It appears that Bowen enlisted 22^d Nov. 1779 and was discharged the 21 Dec'r 1781. Norman enlisted on the same day & was discharged on the 26 Octo 1781. So far as I can perceive there is an exact correspondence between the evidence furnished by this Roll & Bowen's declaration.

I enclose you a certificate shewing that the name Pelkington appears on our Rolls. Doubtless Pilkinson was a mistake of the transcriber

I am Sir very respectfully/ your obedient serv't/ Jas. E. Heath aud'r Va

On 19 Dec 1853 Frances Norman, 69, of Stevensburg, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Norman on 25 Sep 1815, and he died near Stevensburg on 3 Nov 1838. The file contains a document certifying that a family register in the handwriting of Thomas Norman in his Bible shows that he married Fanny Stuart on 25 Sep 1815. In an application for bounty land dated 4 June 1855 her age was given as 70, and it was stated that she was married by Parson Boggs in Spotsylvania County VA. Another document states that she was the daughter of John Stewart of Spotsylvania County.

On 21 Aug 1866 Frances Norman, age 80, applied for restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which time she had lived in the counties of Culpeper, Montgomery, Halifax, and Spotsylvania with the aid of her children.