Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George S. Paul W5471 Elizabeth f31VA
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State of Kentucky County of Breckenridge: Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Breckenridge County Court George Paul a resident of the County of Hardeman and State of Kentucky aged about 60 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. His Captain's name was McIntire under whom he first served who from some cause left the Army & was succeeded by Captain Carney. His Major's name was Scott. His Colonel's name Joseph Dark but he became disabled & left the Army and he cannot remember who he was succeeded by. His General's name was Stephens or Stevenson [probably Edward Stevens]. He entered the service the last of March or the first of April 1781. He left the service the last of October or the first of November of the same year. He served as a substitute in the place of William Thruston who was drafted. He was born in the County of Washington in Maryland but resided in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia when he entered the service. He was not engaged in any [battle] but belonged to the Army to whom Cornwallis surrendered he having been sent a few days previous to that surrender sent to the hospital to attend on the sick soldiers amongst whom was his Father. He marched through Fredericksburg, Falmouth, New Castle & Williamsburg towns in Virginia. He knew Generals Greene, Wayne & Lafayette on this tour but cannot remember the names of other officers except his own. He moved from Berkeley County Virginia to Fayette County Pennsylvania where he lived 6 or 7 years. He then moved to Bourbon County Kentucky where he lived several years and then to Breckenridge County Kentucky where he came about 36 years ago and where he has lived ever since except a few years back in which he has lived in Hardin County, where he still lives. He also states that he has no documentary evidence whatever having lost his discharge or certificate of service to prove his services and that he knows of no person except Barney Miller whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/Geo. S. Paul

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Kentucky Breckenridge County Sct.

On this 26 day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Breckenridge County Court George Paul a resident of the County of Hardin & State of Kentucky aged about 66 years but having no record of his age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration for a pension made in said Court at the September term thereof 1832 which declaration have been returned from the War Department with objections and is now shown to the Court. Said Paul states that his term of service included the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He further deposeth that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade. For 7 months I served as a private in the tour designated in my original declaration and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Geo. S. Paul

And the said Barney Miller¹ mentioned in the above declaration at the same time aforesaid came into Court and made oath that he served the tour mentioned in the above declaration of George Paul with the said George Paul in the same Company under the same Captain. That he personally knows the said Paul and was well acquainted with him. That he saw him frequently during the term aforesaid and knows that the said Paul served the whole of said tour until a short time previous to the surrender of Cornwallis when the said Paul was sent to the hospital to take care of his Father who was sick. He knows of his going there from the Army but did not see him afterwards during the war which was soon ended.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Barney Miller, X his mark

If p. 7: On April 8, 1853 in Hardin County Kentucky, Elizabeth Paul, 64, gave testimony that she is the widow of George S Paul, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$23.33 per annum; that she married him in Hardin County Kentucky July 20, 1817; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Purcel; that her husband died December 26, 1839. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

¹ FPA S16973