

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Robert Snead (Snead): R9891

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

Virginia Hanover County (to wit)

On this 28 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Wm Wingfield jr, Francis Blunt, Hudson M. Wingfield & P. H. Price the court of the said county of Hanover Robt Snead a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his own oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he was born within 9 miles of Hanover court House on the 23 day of May 1762, that, he has seen a record of his age in the family Bible, and that he believes it is now in possession of Benjamin Thomas, of the said county; that when he went into service, he lived at the place of his nativity, that since the Revolutionary war, he has lived in the same county near Ground Squirrel Meeting house and still lives in the same place; that he served many tours; the first he substituted himself for his brother John Snead, in the company of Joseph Cross, that he marched as a private in that company in the fall or winter of 1778, as he thinks to Williamsburg; that he served at that place and at a place called Rich Neck [in Richmond County] until discharged after two months; that during this tour Gen'l [Thomas] Nelson commanded; that there was but one regiment as well as he remembers, at that place; that they were engaged in guarding the coast and that nothing material ocured. that when Arnold invaded the state [Gen. Benedict Arnold, 5 Jan 1781] he was drafted, and served as a private under Capt. John Anderson; that he marched from the upper part of the County to Westham, where they crossed James River, that there were few arms in the party, and that they drew arms after crossing the river; that he marched with his company across the river at Shirley hundred to Charles City Court house, and there saw the marks of the slaughter of a party of Americans, from there by the burnt ordinary and Sandy point to Cabin Point [in Surry County], and remained there till relieved by other troops; that, that tour lasted three months, that in that expedition he saw a good many troops, and among them the Continentals under Baron Steuben; that he afterwards in the same year substituted himself for his brother Richard Snead, a private in the company of Capt. Radford, and served in removing the ordinance from New Castle and Hanover town to Taylors ferry [on Roanoke River]; that he then exchanged with Richard Glazebrook and became a member of Capt. Thomas Green's company, that he served under him first in Richmond and then in the retreat from that place to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] to meet General Wayne [Anthony Wayne, 28 May 1781], that they were pursued by the British to the Northern part of Hanover and he saw one of the Horsemen of the enemy pursue one of the men into view of the army; that after uniting with General Wayne [at North Anna River, 10 June 1781], he marched in pursuit of the enemy through the counties of Albemarle and Louisa in the direction of the Point of fork in Fluvanna [Point of Fork at confluence of Fluvanna and James rivers], that about that time his Captain was taken ill, and he was left in attendance on him, and that about the time he reached home his time expired and he was discharged; that this tour was for three months; that during this expedition he saw General LaFayette, Gen'l Wayne and Major DeCloman [sic: Jean Baptiste De Lomagne], of the Continentals; that immediately after his discharge he substituted himself for his brother John Snead, who was drafted in the troops intended to relieve those in which he had served; that he marched in a company commanded by William Norville , Isaac Hayden Lieutenant and John Christian Ensign, as a private; that he marched by West point to head quarters at Hubbard's old field; that while in service there he was frequently detached to observe the enemy, and frequently was prepared for Battle, but never was in one; that he was discharged at Gloucester [sic: Gloucester] Court House, that this tour was of three months; that he does not recollect any continentals in this tour; that Colo Taylor and Major Campbell were the officers; that he got home on friday night and on sunday morning left his home for the purpose of substituting himself for his brother-in-law Elijah Pridee [sic: Priddy], who was sick in the hospital, and that

he took his place with the consent of the officers, near Williamsburg; that he marched under Capt. John Thompson with Lieutenant E. Thompson by the half way house to York; that he reached York as soon as the entrenchments were began, and that he remained there until the capitulation; and that he guarded the prisoners to Noland's Ferry in Loudon [sic: Loudoun County] where he was discharged; that this tour lasted 3 months; that at York Meriweather [sic: Meriwether] was Colo of the regiment, and Hardiman Major and that Major Decalb[?] commanded the guard of the prisoners; that at the seige, he labored in the entrenchment; that several men were killed at his side; that he frequently saw Washington and LaFayette and that he saw the British Army march out of the town; that they marched out with a dead march of about 400 yards from the entrenchments and grounded their arms, that on the excursion with the prisoners nothing material ocured except that the whole of the Hanover militia deserted at Fredericksburg, except a dozen, so that there was no officer to draw provisions; that he never received a written discharge as he recollects, and that he has no documentary evidence; that Edmund Gilman, William Napper[?] and John Saunders are persons who can testify to his service, that Nathaniel C Crenshaw, Colo Charles P Goodale and Edmund Wickham are persons who can give satisfaction as to his character and the reputation of the neighborhood as to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Robt Snead

NOTE: On 27 Feb 1843 Sophia Snead, 65, applied for a pension stating that she married Robert Snead on 1 Mar 1792, and he died 19 Jan 1841. On 31 Mar 1853 John Snead, son of Robert and Sophia Snead, filed a document stating that his mother died 12 Mar 1844.