

Selected Documents from Revolutionary War Pension File W8507

State of North Carolina

Rutherford County

On this 14 day of July 1834 personally appeared George Painter before the Justices of the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid, Aged 78 years who being first first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in Order to Attain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the War of the Revolution in the year 1776 and served under the following named Officers and Served as herein stated from the best of his memory, but from late age and the loss of memory and also the loss of all papers Relative to his Service he cannot Swear positively to the precise dates or length of his Service and for these there being no person within his knowledge, that he can prove his Service by only his Own Oath and his Standing in the place where he Resides and on his Neighbors where he Resides he calls for his General Character as to their belief as to his being a Soldier of the Revolutionary War in the year 1776. I was then living in Rockingham County State of Virginia was Drafter and Served a Tour of Three months under Capt. Cravan and was marched on to Tygers Valley on the frontier of Virginia to Relieve a fort. I have not any recollection that there was any Officer at the fort higher than the Captain. I do not Recollect the name of the fort but I served on that Tour 3 months and was Discharged and Returned home to Rockingham County State of Virginia. I think this was in the year 1777. My next was a Draft under the Same Captain for a Southern Tour for 3 months and was marched on to Hillsboro NCarolina to Charlotte NCarolina to Cheraw. Down the Peadee through the Swamps when my 3 months was Out I was so far from home I volunteered and Served 3 months more. We was under the

command of General Stevens. We was Several times in company with General Marion on our Return we was one day to late for the Battle at Guilford NC. We was halted at that and in the neighbourhood we stayed several days, from there we was marched to Amherst Courthouse Virginia, was Discharged and went home. Soon after I was drafted and Served a Tour of 3 months under the same Captain. We was at the Takeing of CornWallis at Little York [and] in the whole of that Battle we was under the Command of General Stevens. There I saw General Washington for the first time. I was in the lines not far of when CornWallis Surrended his Sword. I was one of the Guard that took charge of the prisoners that was marched on to Winchester in Virginia. There I was Discharged and Returned home. Coln. Darke<?> was our commander on that Tour. Soon after my Return I was a Volunteer and Served 3 months under Captain Cokes<?> as an Indian Spy we was on as far as the South Branch of the Potomack. We ranged the ledge of Mountains. We was Frequently at the Differents in that Range of country. Do not Recollect there names on this Tour. We had no officer over a Captain that I Recollect of on this Tour my being entirely illiterate and having nothing but my memory to govern me I have made a Statement of the facts as they have Occured to me. I hereby Relinquish every Claim to a pension or annuity except the present and Declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State or Territory whatsoever.

Question 1st by the Court: Where and in what year were you born

Answer: from information I was born in Lancaster County Pensylvania in the year 1756

Question 2nd: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer: I have none only from circumstances of the time a became face<?> and the circumstances of the Revolutionary War

Question 3rd: Where were you living when called into the Service where have

you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you live now

Answer: I was living in Rockingham County State of Virginia where I continued until after the Revolutionary War was over then moved to Rutherford County N Carolina where I have Resided ever since

Question 4th: How ere you called into the Service were you Drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer: my first Tour I was Drafted and Served 3 months under Capt. Cravans  
my Second I was Drafter and Served 3 months under the same  
my Third I was a Volunteer and Served 3 months under the same  
my fourth I was Drafted and served 3 months under the same  
my fifth I was a Volunteer and served 3 months under Capt. Cokes

This makes my Service in the Revolutionary War 15 months and for which Service I claim a pension

Question 5th: State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you Served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can Recollect and the general circumstances of your Service

Answer: I have in the foregoing Statement given as much in Detail as my memory will Justify

Question 6th: Did you ever Receive a Discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it Signed and what has become of it

Answer: I have no Recollection that I ever Recd a Written Discharge for I generally Returned home with the Same Officers that I Served under

Question 7th: State the names of Some persons in your present Neighborhood and who can Testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution

Answer: I do not know of any person that is now living that I can prove my Service by but I will Name the following persons that will Vouch for my Veracity and Standing and there belief as to the Report of my being a Soldier of the Revolution - The Reverend Alfred Webb and Joseph Taylor

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George X Painter

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It is hard amongst the Jurors to understand how to pronounce  
for instance Painter Panter Panther this is only to Justify the Mistakes

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On this 5 day of April 1854 personally appeared before me Williamson Fortune one of the Judges of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Rutherford and State aforesaid Rebecca H. Panter aged about 57 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law upon her Oath saith that she was married to George Panter a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States on or about the 8 day of August 1824 she further states that her husband George Panter died in the County of Rutherford on or about the 15 day of May 1841 that said husband was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of No. Ca. at the rate of 53.50 dollars per annum, she thinks the Certificate of his Pension was returned to the Department or sent to the Agent for paying Pensions at Fayetteville NoCa after the decease of her husband, in order to draw a ballance of pension due him at his death, she further state that she never married after the death of her said husband, but is still a widow, she herewith transmits a Certification from the records of Rutherford County showing that she was lawfully married to George Panter a resident of the County and State aforesaid and by testimony annexed shewing her to be the identical widow of the aforesaid Geore<sic> Panter a Pensioner for Revolutionary

services, she respectfully refers to her husbands papers on file in the Department as to the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary war, she states that feebleness of body prevents her from going to the Court House to make her declaration as Court is held at Rutherfordton some 18 miles from where she resides she would not submit to the effort for a consideration she might get. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate for Pension due her, and to be placed on the Pension Roll of the State of No Carolina, agreeable to the provisions of the act of the 3rd Feby 1853 passed by the Congress of the United States.

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Rebecca X Panter

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Williamson Fortune

Peter Puler

Sworn to and subscribed before me in the presence of Williamson Fortune resident of the County of Rutherford and Peter Puler of Cleveland Co and State aforesaid and I Certify that I am personally acquainted with Mrs. Rebecca Panter know her to be a resident of this County and to be a respected woman, but weak in body believing the effort she would make in going the distance she would have to go to Court would likely be injurious to her already weak State of Body. I further state that she is about the age stated, and I further Certify that she is the widow of George Panter deceased given under my hand and seal this 5 day of April 1854

/s/ Williamson Fortune JP