

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Thomas Duffel (Duffell) W1738 Lurany (Luvany) fn69NC
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Perry, July 4, 1828

Sir: Upon this auspicious day nothing can be more gratifying to the American heart then recording the achievements of our glorious ancestors. I have now before me, a patriot of the revolution, Thomas Duffel who relates to made the following facts, I insert them verbatim, et literatum: "I enlisted in the service of my country at the commencement of the war with her and Great-Britain, in the regular service, I enlisted to Lieutenant Abner Lumus [sic, Abner Loomis] at Greenville, North Carolina, Pitt County. I do not recollect the year. This was the eighth Regiment, commanded by Colonel James Armstrong. This Regiment becoming thined [thinned] from different causes, I was transferred to the third Regiment, this Regiment I think was commanded by Colonel Watts the company to which I was attached was commanded by Captain Raiford. The third Regiment becoming thined from different causes, I was transferred to the second Regiment commanded by Colonel Patton, the commander of the company was Captain English, called by the soldiers, door. I served in this latter capacity during the war. I was discharged, at a town named Richmond, in Virginia, immediately after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, my discharge got burnt up in my father's house, shortly after the war. After I was enlisted, I was under the immediate command of General Washington during his operations in the north, I was with General Gates at the defeat of General Burgoyne, and with the Army at the siege of Québec, after the operations in the north, I was with General Lafayette, and continued with him until the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in Virginia." Here the narrative of this good old patriot ends. Permit me to add, that when General Lafayette visited Milledgeville in this State, Mr. Duffel visited, and was recognized by him, and by him acknowledged as one of his former associates in arms, of whom he knew the words, and genuineness. I have written to General Lafayette, for a corroboration of his statements so far as they have come to his knowledge, and requested him to forward them on to you at Washington City. I hope all the rights of this old man will appear evident and that the government, so much indebted to him, in gratitude, will no longer withhold from him the pay due to him as one of her soldiers, and which will so much alleviate his distresses in the evening of his days.

Your obedient servant

S/ Howell Cobb

Mr. Cavy Selden

P. S. he says further that at his discharge he was paid some money, \$80 for what was due him he received three tickets two of them for £50 each, the other for £24.13.6 all of which were burnt up with his discharge.

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Georgia Houston County: Personally appeared before me Isaiah Chain, a justice of the peace in and for said County, Thomas Duffell, and after being duly sworn, saith, that he is now in the eighty sixth year of his age, that he is the person whose services are testified to by Edward Hutchins¹ and Drury Bynum,² in the war of the Revolution, that he belonged to the regular forces of the United States, that he enlisted in Captain Simon Jones' company, under a recruiting officer, Lieutenant Abner Lumus [sic, Abner Loomis], and in the eighth Regiment, that at the battle of Brandywine, in consequence of the reduction of the eighth Regiment, he was transferred to the second Regiment, into Captain John English's [sic, John Ingles [sometimes spelled Inglass]] Company, after his transferred to the second Regiment, he was engaged in the battle at Monmouth and other inferior battles, with said Drury Bynum and Edward Hutchens, that he assisted him bearing General Lafayette from the field when he got wounded at the battle of Brandywine, that he was recognized by General Lafayette, during his recent visit to this State, in the presence of thousands, as a comrade of the Revolution and a particular and good soldier, that he is now far advanced in age, and that he is poor and much reduced in his circumstances, that he fought faithfully in the war of the Revolution, against both English and Tories, in behalf of his native country, and that he now venerates the institutions of that country has adopted; and his arm assisted in securing from British aggression.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 4th of April 1829

S/ Isaiah Chain, JP

S/ Thomas Duffell, D his mark

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the revolution," approved on the 15th May, 1828; I Thomas Duffel, of the County of Houston, in the State of Georgia, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for & during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a private in Captain English's company of the second Regiment, on the line. And I also declare, that I afterwards received for the reward of \$80, to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the 15th May, 1823, on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this fifth day of July in the year 1828.

S/ Thomas Duffel, D his mark

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State of Georgia [indecipherable, obliterated text]: Personally appeared before me James Barlow a Justice of the Peace of said County & State Edward Hutchens who being duly sworn on oath saith that he was acquainted with Thomas duffel during & in the war of the Revolution that he was well acquainted with said Thomas duffel and Captain John English Company and knows him to have been a good & faithful Whig he belonged to the regular forces.

Sworn to and subscribed to before made this the third day of March 1829

S/ James Barlow, JP

S/ Edward Hutchens, X his mark

I do certify that we fought together at the Battle of Brandywine, Germantown and others.

¹ Sic, Edward Hutchins S38052

² FPA S37815

S/ Edward Hutchens, X his mark

[the attestation was given in Laurens County Georgia and I presume the affidavit was taken there.]

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Warren County: Personally appeared before me John Butt a Justice of the peace for said County in said State Drury Bynum of Warren County and after being duly sworn on oath saith that he was well acquainted with said Thomas Duffel during and in the War of the Revolution that he was in the same Regiment that the said Thomas was then, and in Captain John English's Company, and knows him, to have been a good and true Whig, that he belonged to the Regular Army for the United States and that the said Thomas served during the War, and that the said Thomas Duffel was in the fight at Monmouth and Brandywine -- with me -- this 12th March 1829

S/ John Butt, JP

S/ Drury Bynum, X his mark

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Georgia Washington County: Personally appeared before me, John Acred a justice of the peace for the County of Washington, Henry Tanton, and after being duly sworn saith, that he was acquainted with Mr. Thomas Duffell, during the war of the revolution, that this deponent was present when the said Thomas Duffell enlisted, at the commencement of the war of the revolution, as soon as the recruiting service commenced, that said Thomas Duffell enlisted to Ensign Abner Lumas, in Greenville, belonging to Captain Simon Jones's Company, of the eighth Regiment of the Continental line and this deponent further swears that he knew said Thomas Duffell during the whole of the war of the revolution, and said Thomas Duffell did serve in the regular service until the war was ended and was a faithful soldier and Whig.

Sworn before me this 01st day of July, 1829

S/ John Acred

S/ Henry Tanton

State of Georgia County of Houston

On this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared before the Honorable Edwin Mounger, Robert L. Duncan & Joseph Culpepper Justices of the Inferior Court in & for said County now sitting & holding the February Term 1835 of said Inferior Court Thomas duffel a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged about 92 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832. That he enlisted in the Army raised for the defense of the Colonies (Afterwards entitled the United States of America) some 12 or 18 months previous to the Declaration of our Independence for during the War and continued to serve in the Army of the United States during the Revolution under said enlistment. That he enlisted with Captain Simon Jones & served in the eighth Regiment of the Continental line of North Carolina under the following named officers to wit Captain Simon Jones, Lieutenant Abner Lumas [sic, Abner Loomis] (the names of the other company officers not recollected) Colonel Armstrong & General Nash were field officers -- the names of the other field officers having charge of said eighth Regiment he has forgotten. While in this Regiment & under the before mentioned officers this Deponent was in the Battle at Brandy Wine Creek [Brandywine] in the State of Pennsylvania -- Shortly after said Battle in consequence of the killed & wounded, eighth Regiment was broken up, and under reorganization of the Army into

Regiments anew this deponent was drawn into the third Regiment in the Company of Captain Raiford (Captain Simon Jones having left the Army for the purpose of recruiting or enlisting more men). In Captain Raiford's Company John Bush and William Bush acted as lieutenants or as Lieutenant & Ensign, and Colonel Harney, Major Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree] and General Hogan [sic, James Hogun] were the field officers having charge of said third Regiment. (General Nash was killed at the Battle of Brandywine Creek). While in the third Regiment under said officers, this deponent was in the Battle of German Town [Germantown] & in various skirmishes. The Regiment sometimes after this were again reorganized & this deponent was drawn into the second Regiment & in the company of Captain John Ingles [also spelled John Inglas] (Captain Raiford having left the Army). In Captain Ingles company Cott Graves³ was Lieutenant & ___ Morson [sic, ?] Ensign -- Colonel Patton⁴ & the deponent thinks that Major Hodges & General Hogun were the field officers of the second Regiment. He has forgotten the names of many of his field and company officers, and also many incidents of the Revolutionary War: that come within his knowledge, from his extreme old age and his consequent loss of memory. While this deponent was in the second Regiment & under said officers he was in the Battle at Monmouth Court House and also in divers minor engagements and skirmishes. Afterwards in the said second Regiment & under the officers last above named this deponent was in the siege of Charleston South Carolina and was taken prisoner of war together with the whole Regiment & officers -- General Lincoln was the principal American commanding General at Charleston. General Hogun died there while a prisoner. The officers & men of the second Regiment who survived were exchanged & proceeded to the siege of Yorktown Virginia. This deponent continued in the Army for some time (but how long he does not now remember) after the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown & was discharged at Richmond Virginia -- he received a written discharge which has long since been destroyed. -- At the time this deponent enlisted and entered the service he resided in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina. He enlisted at Greenville the County Town of Pitt County aforesaid. He has already stated the principal Battles he was engaged in after the Declaration of Independence. He was engaged in many other skirmishing fights or battles of small note. Soon after deponent enlisted & entered the service he was marched to Petersburg thence to a place called Bell House on or near the Potomac River Virginia where most of the men took the small pox, thence to Baltimore Maryland thence to the head of Elk River, thence to Philadelphia & various other places in the State of Pennsylvania not now particularly remembered, and thence to the North River to a small town called Winton & to various places in New York & also to the City of New York. In his various marches he was in the States of South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts & Connecticut, while in the Army during the Revolutionary War, and marched to various points in the states of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania & New York.

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, or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of Georgia.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Duffel, D his mark

S/ Robert L. Duncan, JIC

³ The only Continental officer by the name of "Graves" that I could find who served in the North Carolina line was Francis Graves. Whether or not his nickname may have been "Cott," I do not know.

⁴ Probably John Patten (Patton).

S/ Joseph Culpepper, JIC
S/ Edwin Mounger, JIC
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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Thomas Duffell [sic] a private in Captain Raiford's Company of the eighth Regiment enlisted on the 17th day of March 1777 for three years, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls; -- That on the 25th day of March 1784, he drew a warrant for the quantity of land allowed by law to a soldier for 4 1/2 years service, which warrant was issued on the certificate of a Field Officer.

Given under my hand this eighth day of September 1835

S/ Wm Hill

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Georgia Baldwin County: Before me Hiram Warner Judge of the Superior Courts of the Flint District in said State personally came Doctor John G. Slappey who being duly sworn & who being also a reputable person and entitled to credit, deposes and says upon his oath that in the year 1824, or about that time, it being when General Lafayette visited the United States and was in the Town of Milledgeville in the State of Georgia this deponent witnessed the meeting between General Lafayette and Thomas Duffell the applicant for a Pension, who then resided in the County of Twiggs but since removed to the County of Houston in said State; That at said meeting, the said Duffell reminded General Lafayette of his General Lafayette's having dropped his spur while engaged in the Battle at Brandywine, and of his the said Duffell's immediately replacing the spur on his heel -- General Lafayette seemed instantly to recognize the said Thomas Duffell & such a burst of joy & tears, spontaneously manifested by both, this deponent had never before witnessed -- they embraced each other cordially.

Sworn to and subscribed before me November the 11th 1835

S/ Hiram Warner, Judge

S/ Jno. G. Slappey

[fn p. 11: on March 4, 1850 in Pulaski County Georgia, Luvany Duffel, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Duffel, who served as one of general Lafayette's life guards and was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him on October 2, 1798; that he died November 13, 1837; that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 38: in a document dated May 5, 1858, James Pratt of Perry, Houston County, Ga., states that Laurany Duffel died 'some 18 months' ago survived by John D. Duffel, Nancy Smith and Joel Duffell, children of her second husband; she was also survived by one son, Bricy Holly, from her first marriage.

[fn p. 42: Thomas Duffel obtained a license to marry Larany Holly 2nd of October 1798 in Washington County, Ga.

[fn p. 13: on June 2, 1855, Luvany Duffel filed for her bounty land entitlement.]