

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas Hogan VAS1562

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 21st day of January 1783, in the name of Thomas Hogan, as a Sergeant of Cavalry for £155.19.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Captain Winston and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782. (Note) it is doubtful whether the sum as it appears on the Register of certificates is £155.19.11 or £55.19.11, most probably the larger sum.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
5th day of December 1833.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Affidavit given by William Bigbie¹ dated May 4, 1832 given in Buckingham County Virginia but the text of the affidavit is illegible as posted – from what few words I can make out it appears that the affiant is stating that Thomas Hogan served as a Sergeant in Lee's Legion.]

Va. Richmond County Sct.

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Moses Self² of the County of Westmoreland, Virginia aged seventy years & made oath that Thomas Hogan enlisted in the Continental Service for three years, which period he served & then reenlisted & served the whole war. He does not recollect under whom he enlisted.

Given under my hand this 7th May 1832.

S/ Wm G. Smith, JP

[Note: pp 7-8: Appears to be a letter dated in July 1777 which begins "Dear and Ever loving Mother, Brother and [probably "Sister" but too faint to discern]" – probably a letter from the veteran offered in proof of his service but the text as posted is mostly illegible.]

[p 9: Another letter, this one dated October 3, 1777 sent from Philadelphia County Pennsylvania

¹ [William Bigbie S46368](#)

² [Moses Self W19009](#)

to "Dear and Loving Mother" – a number of the words in this document can be discerned but there are sufficient gaps to render what little I could transcribed largely meaningless. Consequently, I have elected not to try to transcribe the letter. If anyone has transcriptions of the letters as posted in this file, we would welcome the opportunity to post them in this database.]

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Addendum to Thomas Hogan VAS1562

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 9 May 2020.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

[7]

New Jersey Sumersset County Bonbrook Town [sic: Somerset County, Bound Brook]

July 7th Day 1777

Dear and Ever loving Mother Brother and Sister[?] [illegible] this Small oppertunity to let you know that I am in Health at Present thanks Be to god [undeciphered] These few lines will fine you all the Same though I am at A grait Distance from you het I have not forgot you all for my absense give me much oneseness [several undeciphered words] it almost makes me Dispair of Ever Seeing Seeing you But [the rest undeciphered]

[8]

Mrs Mary Watts

Richmond County

Virginia Near [undeciphered]

[9]

October 3th 1777 Philledelphia County Pensalvania

Dear and Loving Mother I Do Embrace this oppertunity to Let you know that I am in Reasonable Health at Present Thanks Be to almighty god for his mersies Hoping these will fine you all the Same though at so grait a Distance that I Seldom have an Oppertunity of Wrighting I would Let you know of some actions That was Displaid on Brandywine in Pensalvania on the 10 of September 77 There was the Serverest Ingagement that Has Been Sense the american war Thay kild of the Innemy on that Day A Bout two thousand men and the Loss on our Side was a Bout four hundred and [undeciphered word ending in ty] men kild and wounded The Innemy Has Possesion of Philledelphia But it is Expeted that this [several undeciphered words] soon and give them such another Stroke as Thay got at Trentown our Forces to the Nothard Has Drove Bergine and His army Out of His Retreat taken all His Bagage[?] [two or three illegible words] Has Kild a Bout twelve Hundred taken a Bout two thousand Furthermore I would inform you that our Troop of Light Horse Has Entered as Ranger Has taken of the Innemy Sense thay [undeciphered word] Lain in Pensalvania A Bout fifty six men our troop in Number Has a Bout thirty Eight and we are Blest with as fine officers as Ever Left Virginia we want for Nothing that Nature Can afford No more at Present But Desire to Be Remembered to all Inquiring Friends. So Conclude my [undeciphered word] your Ever Loving[?] and affectunate Son till Death Thomas Hoagens To [illegible] and [undeciphered word]

NOTES:

At the time these letters were written, Thomas Hogan or Hoagens was apparently in Capt. Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's troop of Col. Theodorick Bland's First Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons.

Hogan's letter from Philadelphia County paints a rosier picture of the progress of the war than is found in most histories. The battle of Brandywine, which actually occurred on 11 Sep 1777, was an American defeat, in which more than 1200 Americans were killed, wounded, and captured, compared with fewer than 600 killed, wounded, and captured British troops. On the day after the letter was written the Americans suffered another defeat at Germantown. Although Washington did not defeat the enemy as he had done at Trenton on 26 Dec 1776, the British did leave Philadelphia on 18 June 1778. In the meantime, as Hogan noted, American troops defeated Gen. John Burgoyne at Saratoga NY.