

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Chrystie [Christie] BLWt466-400

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VA. Christie, Thomas B. L. Wt.466-400—Surgn. [Surgeon]
Issued Dec. 19, 1793
No papers

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 22-page file mistakenly indexed under Thomas Christie

[p 4-6: (image of the 1st page is very poor)

Hano Town [Hanover Town?] 19 Nov. 1811

Dear Sir,

Nothing but sickness which prevents my personal attendance would have induced me to request of you the trouble to present the following application to the Executive Council.

I entered into the public service in March or April 1776 as Surgeon of the Brigantine *Liberty*¹ of 16 Guns: I believe the first vessel of War fitted out by this State – I performed one cruise in her under the command of Captain Thomas Lilly.

In the fall or winter of 1777 I quitted the Naval Service & was appointed Surgeon to the 1st Regiment of artillery commanded by Charles Harrison (Edward Carrington being Lieutenant Colonel) and continued in that situation until the end of the War in 1783 –

Time has thinned the living testimony to the above statement but a sufficiency of respectable Testimony survives to establish all its points.

By a law of the State legislature a certain donation of land was given to the officers of the Virginia line proportion to their Pay. The pay of a Surgeon of Artillery & I believe of Cavalry was equal to that of a Lieutenant Colonel viz. \$75 per month. An act of Congress subsequent to the State law granting the Donation of Land reduced the Pay of Surgeons to that of a Captain.

¹ *Liberty*.Coggins:102, ND4:672, ND5:1298, ND6:245, 728, 1227, 1409, ND7:994, brig in VA Navy, 1776, Capt George Goosley, and Capt Thomas Lilly, brig remained in commission until 1787.ND9:210, ND10:728, 917, in 1777 Capt Thomas Herbert.VANavy:154, it captured British ship *Jane*, armed vessel *Ida and Ann*, ship *Portland*, and vessel from Ireland *Liberty*. Coggins:100, VANavy:163, ND7:850, 1053, sloop in VA Navy, 1776-77, Capts Walter Brooke and William Ivey.It captured the British vessels, *Lark*, *Oliver*, *Susannah*, and the sloop *Speedwell*. The *Liberty* was re-rigged as the schooner *Hornet*. C34.Silverstone:20.Coggins:102.

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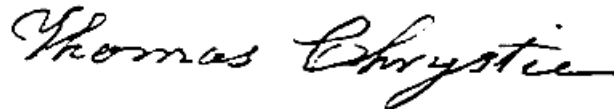
After the War I received from A. Dunscomb the Auditor – a Warrant for my Donation Lands.

I am informed that a further Donation of Land has been granted (which I have never received) and that the time to apply is limited to the 20th inst.

If the fact is so you will much oblige me by laying this Statement before the Bord [Board] for their consideration – Stating the commencement of my Public Services from sometime in March or the 1st April & the exact date cannot be ascertained as I send on application at the Auditor's Office, that all the Naval records were lost, during Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] or some other invasion.

The termination of my Services was about the middle of October 1783 at which time I returned to Hanover County Virginia after conducting a Vessel load of Sick Soldiers & Invalids from Charleston South Carolina to Elk Town in Maryland per order of the Hospital department & then proceeding to Philadelphia to deliver up my Medicine Chest &c to the chief of the Hospital at that place.

I am Dr. Sir, Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Chrystie



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Han^o Town [Hanover Town] 28th Novr. 1811

Dr. Sir/

I am sorry that my continued in this position again causes me to trouble you with another written communication –

Enclosed are two certificates of Captain John B. Johnson to my appointment in the Navy – and that of Captain Gaines to my appointment in the Artillery, on my continuance in that Corps until the close of the War –

From your letter I hope these will be sufficient to establish my claim –

As to the interruption of my Services – I was never discharged from the Navy until appointed to the Artillery, nor was I ever afterward deranged or discontinued from Service or ever Absent except on furlough.

In 1778 I went with the Regiment to Valley Forge and continued with the Army until General Gates's [Horatio Gates'] detachment (in which I was) went to the South [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and when the Peace of 1783 was announced I was on duty in the Corps to which I belonged on James Island near Charleston South Carolina.

Enclosed also is an Order from the Hospital department corroborative of the Certificates.

A reference to A. Dunscomb's Books will show that I received from him a Warrant for seven thousand acres of land I suppose proportioned to my Pay – which will determine the amount of my present claim.

Excuse all this trouble & believe me

Your Friend & Hbl. Servt.

S/ Thomas Chrystie

P. S. the order of Doctor Flagg appears incomplete the cover & address have been mislaid and cannot be found.

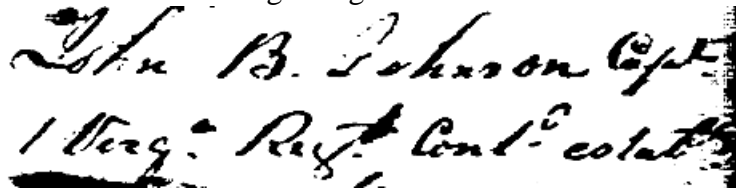
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I hereby certify that early in the year 1776 Doctor Thomas Christie [sic] was appointed Surgeon of the armed State Brigantine *Liberty* commanded by Captain Thomas Lilly & that the said Doctor Thomas Chrystie [sic] went from Newcastle to Cumberland where the said Brigantine was fitting out and entered on the duties of his appointment &c &c. Given under my hand this 26 day November 1811

S/ John B Johnson, Captain
1st Virga. Regt. Contl estab.

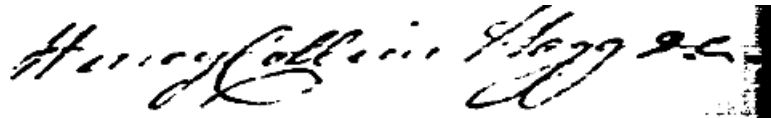


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Agreeable to the orders I have received I have furnished a chest of medicine with Instruments for the sick and convalescent Soldiers under your care – upon your arrival at Philadelphia you will please to deliver at the Instruments and what Medicine you shall have left to Doctor Andrew Craigie [one or more indecipherable words] the Army who will give you a receipt for them – I am very respectfully your most humble servant

S/ Henry Collins Flagg, D. C.

Charleston 22 January 1783

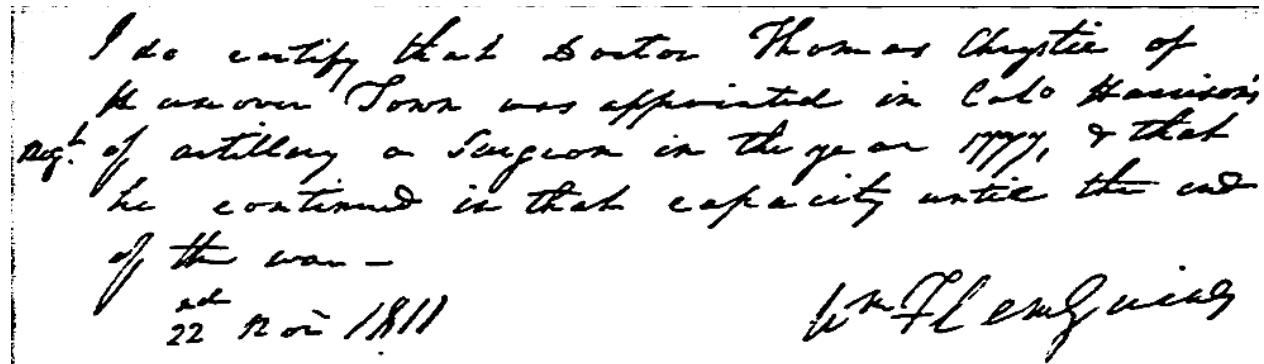


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I do certify that Doctor Thomas Chrystie of Hanover Town was appointed in Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery a Surgeon in the year 1777, & that he continued in that capacity until the end of the war –

22nd of November 1811

S/ Wm FlemG???



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I certify that Doctor Thos. Christie was appointed Surgeon to the V. Regt. of artillery in apl. 17?? and has continued such ever since

I further certify that Doctor Chrystie did the duty of Surgeon in the [indcipherable word]

of York Town from Jan. or Feb. 1778 until the above appointment.
S/ E. Carrington [Edward Carrington]
Lt. Col. ??

*I certify that Doctor Thos. Christie was appointed
Surgeon to the V. Regt. of Artillery in Sept.
1778 and has continued such service
— I further certify that Doctor Christie
did the duty of Surgeon in the
 Garrison of York Town from Jan
or Feb. 1778 until the above appoint-
-ment.*

*Edw. Carrington
Lt. Col.*

Oct. 14 1783 *Oct. 14. 1783*

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I Certify that Doctor Thomas Chrystie was appointed Surgeon of the Navy of the State of Virginia in the year 1776 in which Appointment he continued till Jan^y 1st 1778.

Richmond

11th July [?] 1832

S/ Edwd Travis, Capt. [illegible]

*I Certify that Doctor Thomas Chrystie was appointed Surgeon
of the Navy of the State of Virginia in the year 1776
in which Appointment he continued till Jan^y 1st 1778 —*
*Edw. Travis
11th July 1832*
Edw. Travis, Capt.