

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Tanner¹ R10931 Elizabeth f60VA
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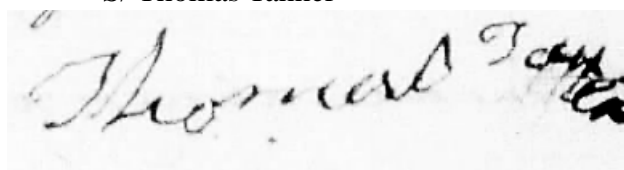
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State of Virginia Mecklenburg County

On this 15th day of October 1832 Thomas Tanner personally appeared in open Court before Robert H Walker, William Birchett, George Rogers & Nathaniel Alexander the court of Mecklenburg County now sitting Thomas Tanner a resident of said County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832,

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the month of May in the year 1779 he was drafted and [indecipherable word] he marched to the defense of Petersburg under the command of Captain Stephen Mabry & Lieutenant Thomas Anderson, he marched to Dinwiddie Court House, in the State of Virginia at which place he was Shaped [?] and held in residence during the Term of three months. In the year 1781, during the month of February he marched into the State of [word written over and indecipherable, but presumably "North"] Carolina under the command of Captain William Lucas and Lieutenant Samuel Holmes and joined the Troops in the County of Guilford and the said County under the command of General Lawson, in a few days afterwards was engaged in the memorable battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene], retreated to the Iron works, and then pursued the enemy to Ramseys Mill and was marched back to Hillsborough at which place he was discharged, he has the evidence of William Thomas that he entered the service as above mentioned. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension [role] of the agency of any State.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Tanner


A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Tanner", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

I do hereby certify that Thomas Tanner served with me as a Soldier in the revolutionary war for three months in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Mabry, I also certify that the said Tanner served with me for three months in the State of North Carolina under the command of

¹ BLWt34819-160-55

Captain Lucas, Given under my hand this 15th day of October, 1832

S/ William Thomas²



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The affidavit of Lewis Williams³ taken at his House on the 15th day of November 1833 who being duly sworn saith that he served with Thomas Tanner within named in the battle of Guilford Court House North Carolina & that he has been acquainted with the said Thomas Tanner ever since and believes him to be a man of strict truth.

S/ Lewis Williams, X his mark

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I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Tanner from my youth and I served with said Thomas Tanner a Tower [Tour] of three months as a militia man in the Revolutionary war in the year 1781 under the command of Captain William Lucas, and Colonel Robert Munford, and others, and was in the battle at Guilford Co. House N. Carolina and the said Tanner was honorably discharged, and I further certify that said Tanner was a man of strict Truth & veracity. Given under my hand this 23rd day of October 1843.

S/ Isaac Malone⁴



Mecklenburg County to wit

The above certificate was subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd of October 1843 and I do certify that said Isaac Malone is a man of strict truth and veracity.

S/ Thomas Wartman, JP

[f p 4: On March 20, 1846 in Mecklenburg County Virginia, Elizabeth Tanner, aged 71, filed for the pension due her husband under the 1832 act; she states that he died October 29, 1839; that he was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia May 9, 1763; that she was born in Dinwiddie County Virginia June 20, 1774 the daughter of William and Elizabeth J Murphy [the Department of the Interior interpreted this name as William and Elizabeth I Murphy]; that she married Thomas Tanner at the residence of Thomas Rogers in Dinwiddie County Virginia February 5, 1795; that they were married by the Reverend Devereaux Garrett, a clergyman of the old Episcopal Church; that she and her husband had ten children, namely, Evans, Robert, David, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Sarah, Thomas, Margaret and Oliver, eight of whom are now living; that her husband died October 29, 1839 and she has remained his widow ever since. She signed her application with her mark.]

² I could find no veteran by this name who claimed a pension from the federal government based on the services this affiant described.

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[f p 13: On May 17, 1855 in Mecklenburg County Virginia, Elizabeth Tanner, 81, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Thomas Tanner who served a three month tour in the Revolution and part of another three months tour; that she married him in 1795.]