

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Thaxton R10482 Hannah Thaxton f56NC
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State of Kentucky, County of Allen } SS

Be it known, that on this twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord 1856, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid (duly authorized by law to administer oaths) personally appeared Mrs. Hannah Thaxton, aged sixty-seven years, a resident of said County and State, who being first duly sworn according to law, Declares – That she is the widow of Thomas Thaxton, deceased, who served in the Revolutionary War. That her said husband always told her, in relating the early history of his life, That during the Revolutionary War, he resided in the County or District of Hillsborough, in the State of North Carolina, and that he was in several bodies of Militia and other troops raised in the State of North Carolina, and that during his service he was in the states of South Carolina and North Carolina, with the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], -- That she has many times heard him relate the history and particulars of his service, in which he often stated that he had served during the Revolutionary War, a period or tour of eighteen months, and that on some occasions or tours, it had been his duty to take charge of Baggage, or Baggage wagons, -- and at other times he was in the ranks as a private soldier, and was in many skirmishes. That he was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs, in September 1781 [September 8, 1781]. That he was in the service, and present at the hanging of Sergeant Gornell,¹ for mutinous conduct, shortly before the evacuation of Charleston by the British [the British vacated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782], and she will remembers in his description of the scene. That he was also in the service when the American Army took possession of Charleston, after its evacuation by the British, in 1782. And that he was honorably discharged from the service, and returned home foot, in company with a number of his companions, to the place of his residence, in Hillsborough District North Carolina. That she has frequently heard him name the immediate officers under whom he served, but their names have gone out of her memory, and she cannot state them, -- and that she mainly relies on such evidence as the Records at Washington, DC & Raleigh, N. C. will afford, as to the particular service her said husband rendered, and the name of his officers. That her said husband continued to live in Hillsboro District North Carolina, until after the close of the Revolution, when, about the year 1788 he moved to the County or District of Pendleton, in the State of South Carolina, where she married him. That she was married to the said Thomas Thaxton by Reverend Moses Holland, on the 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1807, in the County of Pendleton South Carolina. That her name, before her said marriage was Hannah

1 For a description of this affair as record by Edward McCrady in his History of South Carolina, see <http://books.google.com/books?id=dEkOAAAIAAJ&pg=PA622&lpg=PA622&dq=%22Sergeant+Gornell%22&source=web&ots=mi9WWRaBgL&sig=iDBGF9PgM5nOu-zCC1BG1ALtkXA&hl=en>.

Williamson, and that she has (after making diligent inquiry) no knowledge of any public or private record of her said marriage, and that she and her said husband being uneducated, kept no family record. That she and her said husband continued to live in Pendleton District, South Carolina, up to about the year of our Lord 1811, when they moved to Allen County Kentucky, where she continued to reside with her said husband, as his lawful wife, up to the time of his death. That her said husband shortly before his death, employed an Attorney in the person of William Crow, Esq. of Allen County Kentucky, to prepare his papers, in order to assert his claim for a Pension from the United States Government, for his Revolutionary Services, but before anything was accomplished in the premises, her said husband died. And his Attorney, the said William Crow, Esq., having also since died, the papers, or memoranda then made in the case, have now been lost or destroyed – That her said husband died in Allen County Kentucky on the 29th day of August, in the year of our Lord 1824, being at the time of his death, 80 years of age, - - leaving her his widow, -- and that she has not married, since the death of her said husband, but continues his widow. That she had in the bonds of legal wedlock by her said husband, the following named children, to wit: -- Williamson Thaxton, who, if now living, resides in Illinois, & is about 47 years of age. -- George T. Thaxton who died at 20 years of age, in Allen County Kentucky. -- Matilda Thaxton, who married William Logan, and resides in Illinois – Thomas Thaxton, now resident in Logan County Kentucky – Milly Thaxton, who died in Simpson County Kentucky – Phebe Thaxton now resident in Allen County Kentucky, -- Sarah Thaxton who married Reuben Logan, now living in Illinois, -- and James H. Thaxton, 34 years old, and lives in Illinois. That she is entirely uneducated, and having kept no family record, she is unable to tell, accurately, the ages of any but her first & last child. That she relies upon such facts and circumstances, respecting her husband's services, his death, her marriage & identity, as she may be able to procure and present, with this, her declaration, – and claims to be allowed a Pension under such acts of Congress, as she may be entitled, under the proofs & facts herewith presented. That she is aged and infirm, and unable to attend Court, and makes her mark because she never learned to write.

James G. Austin, of Washington City DC is hereby authorized as my friend and attorney to prosecute this my claim, and received any Pension Certificate, which may be issued thereon.

S/ Hannah Thaxton, X her mark {Seal}

[Joseph Bennett and Jordan Evans gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Joseph Frost gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Sarah Richards gave a supporting affidavit]

[Jos. Bennett gave a supporting affidavit.]

[John W. Crow, son of William Crow, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Mrs. Mary Martin gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 29 contains a letter dated May 20, 1856, from the NC Comptroller listing payments made to a Thomas Thaxton for military services in the time of the Revolution.]

[p 43 is a Supplemental Declaration filed by Hannah Thaxton in Allen Co., Ky, dated September 25, 1856, in which she reasserts her right to pension but adds no details regarding her husband's service.]

[Mrs. Elizabeth Hinton gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Jeremiah Hinton gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Sarah McReynolds gave a supporting affidavit.]

[R. Y. McReynolds ditto.]

[Lititha J. Lancaster ditto.]