

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Thomas R10493

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State of Georgia, Burke County

On this the 20th day of May 1833 Personally appeared before the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County of Burke and State of Georgia sitting for ordinary purposes Absalom Thomas of the County of Burke and State of Georgia aged 70 years a native of South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States (the year the applicant does not recollect) with Colonel Thomas Taylor and served in the Regiment commanded by the above mentioned Officer (the number of the Regiment this applicant does not recollect) that he served in the line under the following named Officers William Goodwin Captain, Green Reeves first Lieutenant & Wilkie Thivets Ensign, the time he left the service he does not know but that he served under Col. Taylor two years, and that he entered the service at a place (then) called Fishing Creek, in the State of North Carolina, under the command of this Officer he assisted in taking a Fort at Friday's Ferry¹ on the Congaree River in South Carolina commanded by a British officer named Col. Maxfield or Maxwell [Andrew Maxwell], he was also at the taking of Orangeburg Fort² in the same State, the dates of these engagements he does not recollect, after which he again enlisted under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] of South Carolina and served until the close of the War when he was regularly discharged, and that his discharge was lost or mislaid, and he further states that there is no Surviving witness (as he knows of) who can attest to his service. He says he was in no general engagement under this Officer, but was in a skirmish with the enemy at a place called Moncks Corner in the State of South Carolina where he was slightly wounded, that ___ Brown was the name of his Captain and Benjamin Huff his first Lieutenant.

Personally appeared before me the Undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Burke Absalom Taylor who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served for not less than the periods as before stated, and that he served all these periods in the grade of a private, and that he cannot give the date of these services further than he has already given to them.

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 of the State of Georgia.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fridaysfy.htm> May 1, 1781

2 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/orangeburg.htm> May 10-11, 1781

S/ Wade Brown, JP

S/ Absalom Thomas, X his mark

[Mark Lively, a clergyman, and John Gordon gave the standard supportive affidavit.]