

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Asa Thomas R10494

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas [sic] & Quarter Sessions May Term 1854

On this the 15th day of May 1854 being the third Monday in said month personally appeared in open Court David Thomas, a resident of this County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon oath declare that he is the son of Asa Thomas deceased who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, that said declarant is now in the 73rd year of his age, that he has been informed and verily believes that his farther [sic, father] the said Asa Thomas served as a Continental soldier in the Revolutionary war, a period of two years and upwards, that he entered the service of the United States from Wake County in the State aforesaid, that after the conclusion of said war he removed to Anson County in the State aforesaid where he died about five<sup>1</sup> [?] years ago the exact date not recollected by said declarant, that his wife Pleasant Thomas whose name before marriage before marriage [sic] was Pleasant Matthews, died in Cumberland County in said State aforesaid Asa Thomas, that said Asa Thomas left him surviving several children of whom said declarant and Charity Matthews wife of Alsey Matthews whose name before marriage was Charity Thomas, alone survived, said declarant further states that he does not know the Officers under whom nor the Company and Regiment in which his said Farther Asa Thomas deceased served, and refers for such particulars to the proofs hereafter to this declaration to be appended.

This declaration is made in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress made and provided for the benefit of Revolutionary soldiers, there [their] widows and heirs.

S/ David Thomas, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed in open Court this day of May 1854

S/ Thomas J. Uteley, Clerk

State of North Carolina County of Wake: SS

On this 9th day of June 1854 personally appeared before me Young Booker Justice of the Peace for the said County & State, Jordan Stuart<sup>2</sup> aged 98 years, a resident of said County and State who I certify to be a credible person, and made oath that he was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War and that he served for about 12 or 18 months in the said war, under Captain Williams in Colonel \_\_ Regiment of [word written over and indecipherable] soldiers of the State of North Carolina and that he is now endeavoring to obtain a pension for said service, That he

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<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Sic, [Jordan Steward R10160](#)

was well acquainted with Asa Thomas deceased, while in the service; that of his own personal knowledge, he knows that said Asa Thomas served under Captain Williams in the Regiment of North Carolina in the said Revolutionary War, for the space of either twelve or eighteen months, he cannot be certain which; that the said Asa Thomas died in Roan County [Rowan County] in the State of North Carolina about five years ago; that his death took place about the time he the affiant knows of his own personal knowledge. He also knows that the wife of said Asa Thomas died before her husband. He also swears that he has no interest in this claim of the children, and is not concerned in the result thereof. He has resided in North Carolina 80 years.

S/ Jordan Stuart, X his mark

[f p 7: Harday Stevens, 87, of Wake County also gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he was aware of the veteran being absent from his residence and said to be in service under Captain Williams for a considerable time.]

[f p 12]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Ashia Thomas a private Soldier in Captain Williams' s Company of the 5th Regiment, entered the service on the 29th day of April 1776 for the term of two and a half years and was discharged on the 10th day of November 1778, and I do further certify that the name of Ashia Thomas is not on said rolls and any other place.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of October 1854

S/ W Hill, Secretary of State

[f p 13: On October 2, 1854 in Wake County North Carolina, Shadrick Harris, 104, also gave a supporting affidavit saying that Asa Thomas served as a soldier in the war as much as 12 or 18 months he cannot tell how long the veteran was in service. He also states that David and Charity Thomas are the children of the veteran.]

[f p. 18: On January 6, 1855 in Wake County North Carolina, Allen Utley, 98, gave a supporting affidavit in which he stated he saw Asa Thomas in Captain Williams ranks; that the veteran died about 5 years ago; that the veteran served some 12 or 18 months.]

[f p. 28: Affidavit of the North Carolina Comptroller, William J Clarke, listing an entry showing services by Asa Thomas as a private in the Continental line for which he was paid \$181.51 and who was discharged November 10th, '78. Clarke's affidavit is dated June 9th, 1854.]