

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Thomas R10503.5

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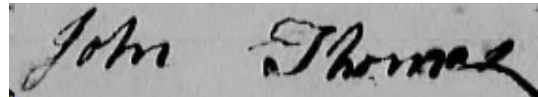
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State of Indiana } SS

County of Vigo }

On this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six personally appeared in open Court before me James T Muffit [sic: James T. Moffatt] probate judge composing the Court of probate for said County, now sitting, it being a Court of record for said County, John Thomas, a resident of the County of Vigo & State of Indiana aged seventy three 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under General Clark [George Rogers Clark] in the year 1781 in the County of Fayette, State of Pennsylvania; served a six months tour in the Militia; was commanded by Capt. Robert Ferrel; that Col. Zachariah Morgan [sic: Zackquil Morgan] commanded the Regiment, and that Major Lowder [sic: William Lowther] commanded the Battalion. He states that the Regiment he served in took water on the Monongahela River, at a place, then called, Red Stone Old fort [now Brownsville PA], some time in May or June and landed at Louisville, and that he was stationed at Louisville all the time of his service. He states, that he never returned to his native State Nor got no Discharge; that he served two months under General Clark, in the year 1782; was commanded by Capt. John Vartreese; that Col. [John] Floyd commanded the Regiment; that they embarked at Louisville in the fall season of the year & went up the Ohio to Cincinnati; that they scoured the Country of the Indians on the west side of the Ohio River, as high up as Chilicotha [sic: Chillicothe]; that they took the town of Chilicotha, on the Miami River, and killed several Indians in that expedition. He states that he was born on the 10th day of April 1763 in Frederick County State of Virginia; that his father moved from Virginia to Fayette Co. Pennsylvania, when he was eight years old, that he lived there until he entered under Gen. Clark, 1781; that after he was dismissed from Clark, he lived in that part of Kentucky, now called Hardin County, and there married in the year 1786. In 1791 he raised a company and commanded the same in St. Clair's defeat [4 Nov 1791]. In 1793 he commanded a company under General [Anthony] Wayne. He states that he lived in Hardin County Kentucky until the year 1831. He then moved to Floyd County Indiana. In 1833 he moved to Washington County, Ia. and in 1834 he moved to Vigo County Ia. where he has lived ever since. He says, that he knows of no person in this state by whom he can prove his services. He states, that he is known to Abraham Stark a Clergyman & John Hodges – residents in his present neighbourhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as he has stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.



NOTES:

The reason given for rejecting Thomas's claim was that he did not serve at least six months, but there is no explanation for how the Pension Office came to this conclusion.

The file contains by mistake two pages belonging to the file of Israel Elsworth Holliday S10856, who served from Vermont.