

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thomas R10503

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The State of Alabama Autauga County: SS

On this 26 day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Alvin A McWhorter Judge of the County & Orphans Court of the County & State aforesaid now sitting, John Thomas a resident of the County aforesaid, aged seventy-four 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.

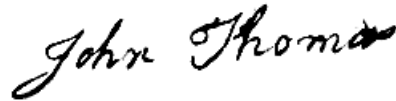
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. That he was drafted on or about the 23rd of March 1781 in Brunswick County Virginia, & served three months, a part of which time he was under the command of Lawrence House Captain & Joseph Peoples Major, John Holcomb Colonel. The company to which this affiant served having grown too large this affiant was placed in another company under Captain Monk Steele [?] towards the latter part of said term of service this affiant was under the command of Colonel St. George Tucker, & all the time he was in General Lawson's Army & that said Lawson's Army marched in company with General Steuben who commanded a detachment of the Continental Army. This affiant further states that he was one of a body of men who were selected from the rest of the Militia & were required to be at least five feet 10 inches high, & marched in front of the other Militia next to General Lafayette. This affiant further states that he left the Army on or about the 29th of June 1781, that he resided in the County of Brunswick, State of Virginia at the time he was drafted, that he was marched to Petersburg in said State, & from thence to the Point of Hook on James River, that the Army retreated from said last mentioned place to Prince Edward Court House, that General Lawson's Army halted at Prince Edward, but this affiant was sent home with General Steuben as one of the guard for the baggage wagons, that he marched with said Steuben through Charlotte County across Staunton River & then returned & joined General Lawson at Prince Edward Court House & then marched to Carter's Ferry on James River & from thence across Chickahominy River & left the Army at a place called the Big Spring, he thinks in Hanover County. This affiant states that he did not receive a discharge, the reason was that General Lawson was hourly expecting an engagement & wished the Militia to remain, that subsequently he got a certificate of having served & sold it for one third of the amount. This affiant further states that he knew Colonel Gaskins of General Steuben's Army. He also remembers Colonel Green who commanded 180 mounted riflemen but does not recollect whether Colonel Green was in the Regular Army or a volunteer. He states that he was born in Dinwiddie County Virginia as near as he can tell in the year 1759. He has no record of his age. – This affiant further states that he substituted in his father's place in a three months tour of service in the month of October in the year 1779 or 80 under Major Richard Elliott & Captain John Clayton & was employed in collecting beeves for the Army by the

direction of his commanding officer Major Elliott. That his father was drafted & he served in his place, & his father afterwards obtained a discharge for said term of service performed by this affiant. That Henry Hampton, William Reese & a man by the name of Williams were employed with this affiant in collecting beeves for the Army & that they & this affiant were detailed for this service & exempted from other service on account of undertaking to furnish beeves which they performed. He thinks his father sold his discharge, his father died in the year '81. His father lived in Brunswick County & this affiant lived with him at the time of this last mentioned term of service. This affiant further states that in the month of August previous to his taking his father's place, he was drafted in said County of Brunswick & served about three weeks at the expiration of which time his father hired a substitute to take his place – During this time he was under the command of Captain John Threadgill & Lieutenant Jones & marched through Brunswick to Harrisburg on Tar River in North Carolina – Before he reached Harrisburg he was joined by Captain Hawkins' Company of North Carolina militia.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Thomas". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Thomas".

[Eli Terry, a clergyman, and William S. Hadnot gave the standard supporting affidavit.]