

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Thomas R10509

Nancy Thomas

f18NC

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Thomas, Philip

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 106.

Rank: Sergeant

3rd battalion of North Carolina

Disability: Wounded in the left arm, while in the actual line of his duty, at the action of the Eutaw Springs,¹ State of South Carolina.

When and where disabled: September 8, 1781, Eutaw Springs.

Residence: County of Duplin [North Carolina]

To what pension entitled: Full pension

Remarks: Enlisted in May 1781 for 12 months

Evidence transmitted by the District Court perfect.

State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

On this 10th day of July 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Barnabas Thomas a Resident of the County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina aged 68 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That he is the son of Philip Thomas and that he has one brother named Tisdale Thomas and a Sister named Elizabeth Thomas who are also Residents of the State and County aforesaid are the children and heirs at law of Philip Thomas who was a Soldier of the Revolution. That their said father enlisted in the Army of the United States as a Sergeant in the 10th Regiment in Captain Doherty's² Company in the year 1781 and served until the 10th May 1782 as appears by the secretary of state's were certificate shown and he further Declares that the said Phillip Thomas Deceased on the 17th day of November 1819 died left a widow named Nancy who also died on the 12th day of December 1820 all of which will more fully appear by the evidence hereunto annexed. Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year first above written.

S/ Jno Wilborn, JP

¹ September 8, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

² Captain George Dougherty of the 4th NC Regiment under Col. Hal Dixon is known to have served with his company at Eutaw Springs. I think is probable this under to whom this reference is intended to refer.

S/ Barnabas Thomas, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

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 Philip Thomas a Sergeant in Captain Doherty's Company of the 10th Regiment³ enlisted in 1781, his time was out 10th May 1872, nothing more said of him on the rolls.

Given under my hand this first day of November 1842.

S/ Wm Hill

[Notes: Nancy Thomas, widow of the veteran, died in 1820 and thus would not have qualified for any pension from the federal government in her own right. No federal pension act benefitted heirs of veterans or their widows.]

³ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 4th NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_serjeants.html and search for "Thomas, Philip."