

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Thomas R10510 Patience Thomas

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State of Virginia, Grayson County: SS


On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Grayson County, Jonathan Thomas, a resident of Grayson County in the State of Virginia, aged 69 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That in the year 1782 he volunteered against the Tories and marched in a company under Capt. William Douglass [also spelled William Douglas] in pursuit of the Tories, and overtook and defeated a party of them near Haw River in Orange County in the State of North Carolina, and after this he perused them into Chatham Guilford & Randolph Counties in North Carolina & then into the mountains of Virginia. About this time a Tory by the name of Hightower [Henry Hightower] killed Col. Mabane [sic, Robert Mebane] of the Continental army and the company in which this declarant was then serving pursued the said Hightower & one of his brothers, but could not overtake either of them. One other Tory, however, was taken in this chase, by name of McRoberds [sic, McRoberts?], who through the darkness of the night afterwards made his escape. This declarant, when the company were disbanded, received a discharge from Capt. William Douglass dated 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1782, herewith forwarded for the inspection of the War Department. Before the aforesaid Service, for which this declarant has the discharge aforesaid, in the year 1781, while in a Militia company commanded by a Capt. Richard Edwards of Orange County, North Carolina, this declarant was taken prisoner by the British & Tories about two miles from Hillsboro in North Carolina, and taken by the enemy together with the Governor of North Carolina [Thomas Burke], his secretary and nearly all the members of the North Carolina Legislature, with many others amounting in number as well as he now recollects to 200 men, and carried them to Wilmington in the aforesaid State [Hillsboro North Carolina, September 12, 1781].<sup>1</sup> Col. Archibald Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] of the regular troops was taken prisoner at the same time and place. The British were commanded by a Major Craig [James Craig], and after being kept at Wilmington a considerable time, intelligence of the Surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] reached the British who immediately left the place for Charleston, and many of the Tories returning to their homes in the upper part of North Carolina brought the declarant with them from whom he soon escaped and immediately joined Capt. Douglass' company & served therein, as herein before stated. This declarant was a prisoner about five months as near as he can recollect. He was born in Orange County, North Carolina, in the year 1762 November 29<sup>th</sup>. He has a record of his age, made by his father, now at home in his Bible. He resided in Orange County North Carolina until May 1792 when he removed into Montgomery County in the State of Virginia afterwards Wythe County & now

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hillsborough.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html)

Grayson County, where he yet resides. 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 any agency of any State. He is known to Joshua Hanks & Eli Cook in his present County who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier in the war of the revolution.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Thomas".

We Joshua Hanks and Eli Cook, residing in the County of Grayson and State of Virginia, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jonathan Thomas who has sworn to and subscribed to the above declaration: that we believe him to be 69 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joshua Hanks

S/ Eli Cook

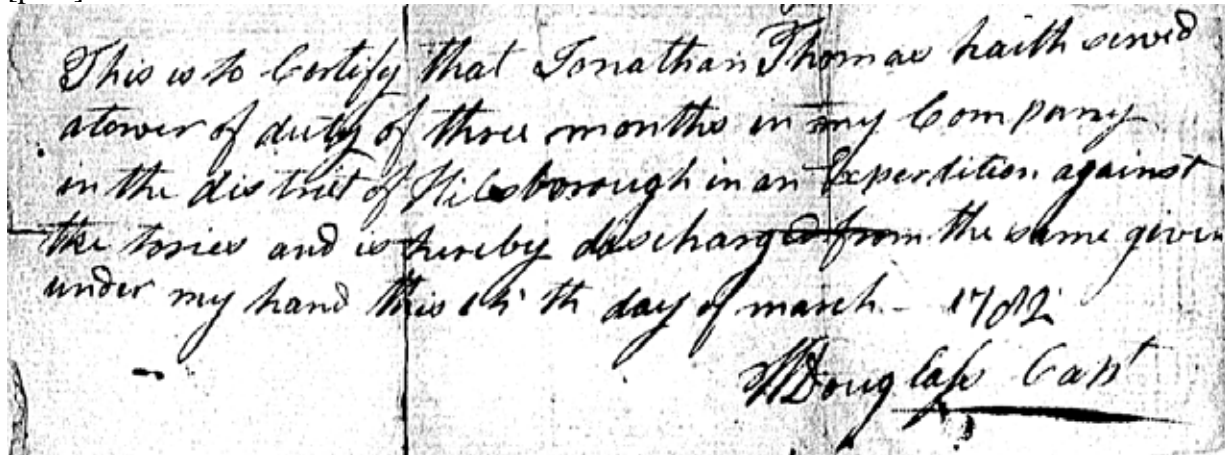
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The discharge mentioned in the foregoing Declaration is as follows, Viz:

This is to certify that Jonathan Thomas hath served a tower of duty of three months in my company in the District of Hillsborough in an Expedition against the Tories and is hereby discharged from the same. Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1782.

S/ W. Douglass Capt.

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A handwritten document on aged paper, likely a discharge certificate. The text reads: "This is to certify that Jonathan Thomas hath served a tower of duty of three months in my company in the district of Hillsborough in an Expedition against the Tories and is hereby discharged from the same given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1782." The signature "W. Douglass Capt." is written at the bottom right.

[p 6: Patience Thomas, 82, filed for a widow's pension in Grayson County, Va., on April 18, 1853, stating that they married on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1787; that Jonathan died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of [month is very faintly written, may be "Decr."] 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]