

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thomas R10517

Aukey Thomas

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State of Alabama Butler County: County Court August Term 1832

On this day 13th of August 1832 personally came in open Court William Thomas before James Lane Judge of the said County Court now sitting a resident of said County and state aged about 75 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 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

He believes from the statement of his mother as was told him that he was born about two years after Braddock's defeat<sup>1</sup> -- he judges from that he is about 75 years of age. He was born in South Carolina in the part now called Lawrence District [sic, Laurens District]. His first tour was under Captain James Pollard and General Andrew Williamson against the Cherokee, he does not recollect the date of his commencement but he was not then on the muster roll till he volunteered. He does not recollect how long it was he was in two engagements with the Indians and wounded and was discharged or sent home from Keowee<sup>2</sup> -- he thinks it was more than a month -- He took a 2<sup>nd</sup> tour under the same officers against the Cherokee towns he thinks that this tour with the other would make at least two months -- 3rd -- Tour was on the frontiers of Georgia under the same officers. This last tour he thinks was at least one month. The 4th tour under the command of Captain A. Campbell [Angus Campbell] and General Williamson he marched down to a place called Liberty Hill below Camel Town [Campbell town] opposite Augusta where the British lay at the time. This tour he thinks lasted 3 months. In this rout a number of prisoners were taken to Cambridge or Ninety Six. The 5th expedition under Captain Wallace [John Wallace] & General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] was at the siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] -- on account of sickness he did not serve out the siege he does not recollect exactly the length of this tour -- he thinks he served about half the time of the siege. The latter tour was after Cameron who commanded a party of hostile Indians, they marched over as he understood to within 20 some odd miles from the great Shoals on Tennessee [River] commanded either by Williamson or Pickens he is not certain which. He was called on in the case is generally to perform -- 7th route was under Pickens was in pursuit of a number of Tories he does not know their commander, they took some Tories prisoners -- some were hung -- this was the last expedition and was performed

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<sup>1</sup> July 9, 1755

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_towns.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_towns.html)

after Cornwallis was taken. In addition he was in a number of scouting parties during the revolution which he cannot now designate by specific length of time. In the whole he feels certain he served at least 12 months. He has no written evidence of his services & discharged -- there is no one that he can prove any of his service by. 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 State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Thomas, X his mark

[James Miller, a clergyman, and Roberts Smyth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Butler County:

The amendment to the within declaration of William Thomas Personally appeared before made the undersigned judge of the County Court for said County and State William Thomas who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For one year and 6 months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ William Thomas, X his mark

The above amended declaration sworn to before made the day and year aforesaid

S/ Edward H. Cook, Judge

[p 5: Power of attorney dated October 4, 1852 filed in Butler County Alabama by Robert Thomas, 44, in which he states he is the son of William Thomas a revolutionary war soldier who died January 13, 1843 and Aukey Thomas who died November 25, 1846; that his parents were married in South Carolina on or about October 25, 1783.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Thomas" followed by a small vertical line at the end.

[p 7: affidavit dated November 25, 1854 filed in Butler County Alabama by Robert Thomas in which he states the following: that he is the son of and administrator of the estate of William Thomas, a deceased revolutionary soldier who resided in Lowndes County Alabama for 8 years prior to his death previous to which he had lived in Butler County Alabama 11 years and prior to that time had resided in South Carolina; that his father died January 13, 1845 in Lowndes County Alabama; that his father died survived by his widow, Aukey Thomas, who died November 25, 1846 in Upshaw County Texas; that his father died survived by the following children, Philip, William, Margaret Rabun wife of David Rabun, Stacy Hutson wife of Thomas Hutson, Mary Peevy wife of Thomas Peevy, Jane Stringer wife of William R Stringer, John and affiant Robert Thomas; that in addition the veteran was survived by the heirs of James Thomas deceased, to wit, Elizabeth Thomas wife of James Perdue, Amanda Thomas wife of Francis Herlong and Emily Thomas wife of Franklin M Black; that James Thomas the father of Elizabeth, Amanda and Emily departed this life in June 1833. The affiant signed this document with his mark.]