

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Ammons R 179

Catharine fn32SC

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State of Illinois Clinton County: SS

On this 2nd day of January 1843 personally appeared before the Probate Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, being a Court of record, Catharine Ammons a resident of Clinton County in the State of Illinois, Aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows -- That she is the Widow of Thomas Ammons who was a private in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war under a regular enlistment for eighteen months, that he entered the service in \_\_County in South Carolina about October or November 1778 she thinks on the waters of Broad River and that one of the officers under whom he served was named Dick Hampton -- that about the time of the expiration of the eighteen months enlistment, the British took Charleston and he was taken prisoner \*he afterwards served a short tour as a volunteer in the militia\* -- that she never saw him until after his service and from loss of memory she cannot state any of the particulars of his services -- that she was married to the said Thomas Ammons in the summer of 1782 (in roasting ear time) by a Dutch minister who could preach alternately in the German and English-language -- not by a license, but by being published on Broad River some 10 miles above the mouth of Saluda in South Carolina, that she has no family record of her marriage or other record evidence whatever but she has a family record of the births of her children that were born after the year 1789 which is cut out of her Bible and here attached by wafering -- She had four children born before the year 1790 record of their births have not been preserved (except one named John who was born in 1785). That she was not married to the said Ammons previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 that he is at the time above stated and that Thomas Salmons her husband aforesaid died on the 20th day of April 1808 and that she has remained a widow ever since that time.

S/ Catharine Ammons, X her mark

[Attested by J. T. Bradley, Probate Justice]

State of Illinois Clinton County SS

Be it known that on the 2nd day of January 1843 before the subscriber Probate Justice of the

peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Godfrey Ammons and Jefferson Ammons sons of Thomas and Catharine Ammons who I certify to be credible witnesses and made oath that the family record of the births of the Children of their parents which is now cut from the Bible and hereto attached has been in the family ever since their earliest recollection, that they cannot state in whose handwriting the same was made, but they have not the least doubt but what it contains the true family record of the births of all their parents children from the year 1790 and upwards. That Thomas Ammons their Father departed this life in the State of Georgia on the 20th day of April 1808 and that Catharine Ammons, their Mother has remained a widow ever since that time.

S/ Godfrey Ammons  
S/ Jefferson Ammons

[fn p. 5: family record]

John Ammons was Born [illegible] of May [illegible]<sup>1</sup>

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Gabriel Amons son of Thomas Amons and Cathren his wife was born May 5<sup>th</sup> 1790

Thomas Amons their son was born Octr 10<sup>th</sup> 1793

Henry Amons was born Octr 25<sup>th</sup> 1796

Godfrey Ammons was born October 11<sup>th</sup> 1800

Jackson Ammons was Born July the 31<sup>st</sup> Day A. D. 1803

Jefferson Ammons was Born May 31<sup>st</sup> Day 1805

[fn p. 6: On June 10th, 1843 and Fayette County Tennessee, Eleazar Ammons, 70, testified that he had an older brother named Thomas Ammons lived in Fairfield County South Carolina who served a tour in the war of the Revolution as a volunteer the length of which he cannot recollect; afterwards, Salmons enlisted for 18 months which expired about the time Charlestown was captured by the British; that his brother Thomas married Catharine Friday in Lexington County South Carolina in the summer of 1782. fn p. 8: Eleazar Ammons commences prior affidavit to state that he was 9 years old at the close of the war; that he has no recollection of the commencement of the war; that his statement previously was made based on conversations with his parents and with his brother Thomas; that his Father lived at the time and previous to the commencement of the war on Haw River in North Carolina; that his father moved during the war to South Carolina; "that he is said brother enlisted for the term of eighteen months and served until Charleston was taken by the British at which time he was taken prisoner and remained a prisoner until after the expiration of his enlistment -- that him and two other soldiers made their escape by climbing a brick wall and getting into the tide water where by wading and swimming several miles they succeeded in making their escape and in that way he was not regularly discharged. Deponent recollects well when his said Brother of arrived home after which he served again as a volunteer under Colonel Pearson in the militia of the length of time he cannot state -- and in the summer of 1783 he was married to Catharine Friday."]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in 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 Thomas Ammons a private soldier in Captain Montfort's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 20th day of July 1778 for the term of nine months and that

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department indicates that this entry reads that John was born on May 6, 1785

nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 12th day of January 1844

S/ Wm Hill, Secry.

[fn p. 18: certificate dated January 24, 1843 from the South Carolina Comptroller General, showing an indent paid to Thomas Ammonds for 43 days militia service in 1782.]