

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Coston (Costen, Costin)

Lucy

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress approved July 7th 1836 entitled "An act granting half pay and Pensions to certain Widows" and the act of March 3rd 1843 "granting one year's pay and Pensions to certain widows" and the Act of June 17th 1844 "continuing certain persons on that Pension Roll four years longer" – and of the February 2nd 1844 entitled "An act making further provision for surviving widows and soldiers of the Revolution." State of Tennessee County of Blount: SS

On this 15th day of June 1849 personally appeared before me James H Donaldson an acting Justice of the peace and one of the Justices of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Lucy Costen a resident of the County and State aforesaid now in the 75th year of her age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress approved July seventh 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows" &c That she is the widow of Thomas Costen who was a private soldier in the Army during the war of the Revolution, but owing to the infirmities of age and the consequent great loss of memory she is unable to state positively at what time her husband entered the service of the United States, but that it was before the battle of Stono, which battle she has often heard him say he was in, nor does she remember what country he marched through and that he was in Colonel Jonas Johnston's Regiment but does not recollect the name of the Captain he served under, and she verily believes her said husband Thomas Costen served for three years, or very near that long and that when he left the service he received a discharge which is herewith enclosed and that she knows of no living witness by whom she can prove her husband's service, and that she has no other written or documentary evidence which would establish the fact except the discharge herewith forwarded.

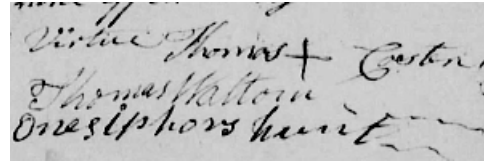
And she further states that she was married to the aforesaid Thomas Costen in Onslow County North Carolina in the year 1789 and that the marriage bond herewith forwarded was for the marriage of herself and husband, and that the within date of birth of her son Bricy Costen she believes was written by her husband and that it has been and her and her children's possession ever since, And she further declares that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Costen died in the year 1815 in Oslo County North Carolina and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband the aforesaid Thomas Costen.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ James H Donaldson, JP

S/ Lucy Coston, X her mark

[fn p. 6: marriage bond issued in the state of North Carolina, Onslow County dated January 1, 1789, issued to Thomas Costen, Thomas Walton and Onesiphors Hunt to secure the marriage of Thomas Costen within three months or sooner. No bride is named in the bond.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature is written on a piece of paper and appears to be "Thomas Costen". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and cursive.

[fn p. 7: family record:

Bricy Costen the Son of Thomas Costen and Lucy his wife was Bornd June the 8 day 1801.]

[fn p. 10: certificate dated June 26, 1852 signed by William J Clark, Comptroller of the state of North Carolina showing payments for military services in the revolutionary war paid to Thomas Costin, Costen or Coston for both military and Continental service. In addition the certificate contains the following statement: "It also appears by Return to the Governor, dated March 10th 1779, made by Colonel Henry Rhodes of Volunteers and drafts in Onslow County, that Thomas Coston volunteered."]

[I did not find any document in this file which purported to be the discharge referred to by the widow in her application.]