

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hannan (Hannon) R4578

f17VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

2/11/14

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

Virginia Cabell County, to wit

At a Court held for Cabell County at the Court House thereof on the 24th day of June 1834

On this 24th day of June 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Cabell County, now sitting, Thomas Hannan a resident of Mason County, aged Seventy Seven 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 7th 1832.

That he enlisted himself as a Sailor for the term of one year in the Navy under Captain Elliott or Aylett (from Augusta County Virginia) in the Virginia fleet, who commanded a Rogalley [row galley] on the 14th day of June 1776 in the County of Greenbrier, from thence he marched to Alexandria and went on board and continued in that Service for twelve months, and was discharged near Williamsburg in the York River in Virginia, and received a discharge from Captain Elliott, but not regarding it of any value it was destroyed or lost. That during the term of service he was not engaged in any action or battle, but was continually employed in the Chesapeake Bay and its waters.

That after this discharge he returned to his residence in Greenbrier County Virginia, and was again called into service in the month of August 1781, drafted militia, under the command of Captain John Lewis & Lieutenant Thomas Goodson, the latter is yet living & his affidavit¹ is here with enclosed as corroborating evidence, that they marched from Botetourt County Virginia to Williamsburg in a company of Rifle Men Colonel Samuel Lewis – and from there to Yorktown, and was in the encampment at the time of the Siege & Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and was shortly afterwards discharged at that place having served three months in this last enlistment – his discharge was signed by Captain John Lewis but no care being taken of it – it was also lost.

In reply to the questions propounded by the court as required by the War Department, this applicant saith

1st I was born on the __ day of __ 1757 in Frederick County America [sic]

2nd He has no record of his age, was an orphan boy

3rd He was living in Greenbrier County Virginia when he enlisted in 1776 – after his discharge he lived in Botetourt County, until the year 1791 when he removed to his present residence, then Kanawha County, but now Mason County Virginia.

¹ No such affidavit was found among the papers contained in this file. Lieutenant Thomas Goodson is probably the same man as [Thomas Goodson S6901](#)

4. He first enlisted in June 1776 for one-year in the Virginia Navy & continued his term of enlistment of one year & again was drafted in August 1781 and served three months.

5th. The Rogalley continued in the Eastern waters – and in his March in 1781, he was under the command of Captain John Lewis, Lieutenant Thomas Goodson, Colonel Samuel in a Rifle Regiment

6th. He received his first discharge from Captain Elliott and his second one from Captain John Lewis, both are lost

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension on any authority except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

S/ Thomas Hannan, X his mark

[David Harbour [?], a clergyman, & James Shelton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]