

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lemuel Thorowgood R5486

Sarah Ingram¹

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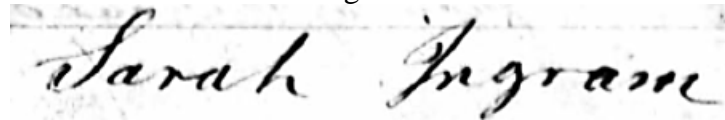
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State of Virginia in Norfolk Borough: to wit

This day 16th day of April 1838 personally appeared before me Miles King Mayor of the Borough aforesaid Sarah Ingram a resident of the Borough and State aforesaid aged 77 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 the 4th 1836, and the Act explanatory of said Act passed the 3rd of March 1837, that she was married to Captain Lemuel Thorowgood on the 8th day of February 1778 who was a Captain commanding a company of Militia or Minute men in the County of Princess Anne under the command of Colonel John Thorowgood, that he was in Active Service some considerable time before we were married and was promoted to the rank of Major and continued in the Regular Service Commanding the Militia Minute men and volunteers in the County of Princess Anne Guarding the seacoast, until he was taken Prisoner by the Enemy, he was kept as a prisoner for some considerable time he made his escape and returned to his Command and remained in service, until the end of the War of the Revolution and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel while in service. She further declares that she has no Record or Documentary evidence relative to his service, that she was married to the said Colonel L. Thorowgood on the 8th day of February 1778, that her husband the aforesaid L. Thorowood died on the 14th day of October 1785 leaving her his widow, that she was afterwards married to John Ingram who died on 17th of March 1799 that she has remained a widow ever since and was a widow on the 4th of July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed, that she now resides in the Borough of Norfolk. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Sarah Ingram



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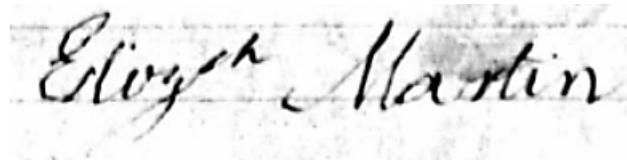
State of Virginia in Norfolk Borough: to wit

I do hereby Certify that I was intimately and well acquainted with Colonel Lemuel

¹ Former widow

Thorowgood who served as an Officer in the War of the Revolution as a Captain commanding a Company of Princess Anne Militia or Minute Men, he entered the service at the Commencement of the War and was promoted to the Rank of Major while in service, that he married my sister Sarah Calvert on the 8th of February 1778, after my Sister was married to Major L. Thorowgood, my father, mother and myself in order to avoid being harassed and moving from place to place to avoid the Enemy and Major L. Thorowgood being constantly on duty, we removed to Major L. Thorowgood's house in Princess Anne where we remained a length of time, with my sister Sarah Thorowgood, he was regularly in service from about 1776 at the commencement of the War, until he was taken prisoner in the County of Princess Anne, he remained a prisoner for some considerable time and made his escape and returned to his Command, and remained in the Service until the end of the War of the Revolution, he was promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel while in service. I do further Certify that I was present at the Celebration of the rights of matrimony of my sister Sarah Calvert & Colonel L. Thorowgood on the 8th of February 1778, and that Sarah Ingram the present applicant to be placed on the Pension Roll is the identical same person, the widow of Colonel L. Thorowgood of the Revolutionary Army, formerly resident of Princess Anne County Virginia and she is now a resident of Norfolk Borough. Her late husband John Ingram died on 17th of March 1799 and that she has remained a widow ever since, and was a widow on the fourth of July 1836 and still remains a widow. Given under my hand this 16th day of April 1838

S/ Elizabeth Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Martin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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At a Court held for Princess Anne County February the 14th day 1777 the following Gentlemen were recommended to His Excellency the Governor as proper persons to serve as officers of the Militia of this County, to wit: Thomas Reynolds Walker to the County Lieutenant, William Wishart to be Colonel, John Ackiss Lieutenant Colonel, John Thorowgood Junior Major, Lemuel Thorowgood, John Cannon, Henry Cornick and Thomas Brock captains, George Jamison Junior, Francis Ackiss, Jonathan Woodhouse, John Cornick and Thomas Walker, lieutenants, Thomas Haynes, William Dawley, Junior, John Woodhouse, Lemuel Cornick, Cornelius Handley, George Reynolds Walker, and Tully Moore, Ensigns.—

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At a Court held for Princess Anne County at Kemps Landing July the 13th day 1780 – The following gentlemen are recommended to the Governor as proper persons to serve as officers in the Militia of this County: to wit: William Wishart to the County Lieutenant, Lemuel Thorowgood Major, John Jamieson & William Hancock, Captains, Thomas Walke & William Griffin first lieutenants, John Valentine & Tully Moore second lieutenants & Thomas Harrison Ensign.

At a Court held for Princess Anne County the 15th day of February 1782 William Robinson Esquire Colonel and Lemuel Thorowgood Esquire Lieutenant Colonel in the militia of this County, this day took the oath prescribed by law.

[p 3: Copy of a marriage bond issued February 7, 1778 in Princess Anne County Virginia to

Lemuel Thorowgood and John Thorowgood Junior conditioned upon the marriage of Lemuel Thorowgood to Sarah Calvert.]

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I do hereby certify from traditional information received from Soldiers and Officers that served under Colonel Lemuel Thorogood in the war of the Revolution that he must have been in active service more than three years first he Commanded a Company of Minute men from about August 1775 until the end of the year 1776 as a Captain Lieutenant, this information I received from an old gentleman who was a member of that Company and stated that they might be considered in constant service [indecipherable word]² the whole of that period in February 1777 he was commissioned a Captain being an active and sprightly Officer he was put in command of a Company of Militia men and by direction of the Board of war by whom he was directed to keep a constant lookout day and night See Hennings Stat. at large vol. 7 page 294 lookout on the Eastern frontier See VI the commanding Officer of each of the counties of Elizabeth City, Princess Ann, Norfolk, Northampton and Accomack, to appoint men to keep a constant lookout to Seaward by day and night in 1779 or '80 Lemuel Thorogood was commissioned a Major and continued to keep a constant lookout he himself residing near Cape Henry Light House he had to keep a constant look out in the County of Princess Ann this information I received from James Nimmo [?]³ Esq. who had served as Lieutenant under L. Thorogood at that period during the period that Lemuel Thorogood served as Major he was ordered with his troops to North Carolina to guard the shores of Currituck, and Camden, where he remained for some considerable time this information received from Mr. Hozier who stated unequivocally that he had served as a volunteer, and orderly Sergeant for 12 or 18 months under Major L. Thorogood all of which this affiant believes to be strictly true as having received it from the aforesaid gentlemen who are all now deceased without any particular or special solicitation and further this deponent sayeth not. Given under my hand 17th day of February 1851.

S/ John B. Ogg [aged 77 per the attestation]

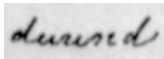
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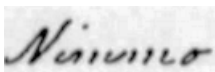
April 4th 1851

James E Heath Esq^r [Commissioner of Pensions]

Sir

In presenting this claim of Mrs. Sarah Ingram to be placed on the Pension Roll under the act of Congress of 1836 and explanatory act of 18 [sic] I am constrained to make a few remarks in favour of the allowance of the claim First Colonel Lemuel Thorogood resided in the County of Princess Ann near Cape Henry light house from his local situation he was at all times near the British Blockading Squadron which were anchored just within the Cape he was an active vigilant and meritorious Officer and fond of military life consequently he was placed in command as Captain Lieutenant of a company of Minutemen in 1775 when the troubles first commenced and continued to command the company until the end of the year 1776 requiring his men at all times to sleep upon their arms at the end of the year 1776 the minute

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companies word dispersed and early in the year 1777 I think in February he was promoted from Captain Lieutenant to Captain and placed in command of a company of Militia and required by the Board of war through Colonel John Thorogood then the commanding Colonel of the County to keep a constant lookout to the Eastward both day and night this seems to have placed him in constant service as Mrs. Martin has stated in her certificate he Lemuel Thorogood must have been an Officer of great merit [&] worth as he again was promoted I think in 1779 to a Major and was then ordered with his command to North Carolina to marched [sic] through Norfolk County to Currituck and Camden where he remained for some considerable time how long I cannot say watching the Enemy along the coast and returning to Princess Ann and commanded Troops there in 1780 and 1781 for all this active meritorious and vigilant service he was again in I think 1782 promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel Now Sir all these various promotions would not have been bestowed on a dull sluggish [sic] and inactive Officer I therefore must insist upon it that no claimant for a Pension ever deserved at the hands of a Commissioner a more liberal construction of all the evidence then this does in the absence of more positive testimony which cannot be obtained at this late period I will take the liberty of referring you to the papers of Mr. James Nimo⁴ deceased who I think claimed to be placed on the Pension Roll probably in 1831 filed in your office they may cast some light on the services of Lemuel Thorogood as he served as Lieutenant under him L. Thorogood lastly Sir I must state that the widow Mrs. Sarah Ingram is a very aged lady and needs whatever she is justly entitled to from the Government.

Yours with esteem

S/ John B. Ogg

⁴ I could find no federal pension application filed by a man of this or any similar name.