

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Mansfield R6884

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State of Tennessee County of Marion: SS

On this 21st day of February 1827 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Marion aforesaid Thomas Mansfield a resident Citizen in said County aged about seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Thomas Mansfield enlisted, during the war, in the town of Hampton in the State of Virginia (but having long since lost his discharge is now unable to say on what day or in what year he enlisted, though as well as he can now recollect he served between six and seven years) in the State of Virginia in the Company of the war Battalion then commanded by Major Lea [possibly intended to refer to an officer named Lee], was then put under the command of Captain ___ Long in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney in the line of the State of Virginia on the Regular Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the ___ day ___ in the year 1783, when he was discharged from the service in the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia (The time of his discharge is stated only from the best Recollection he can now have of it) That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Roll of any State except the Muster Rolls of Virginia, that he has several times, applied to the War Department for a pension, has understood that those of the Virginia line were not entitled to pensions: but that he has lately understood that his name has been placed upon the pension list at Knoxville in the District of East Tennessee, but has never got a certificate from the War Department entitle him to a place they are. – Declarant states that from the place of his enlistment, he was marched to Fowlers hook in New York, from thence to Little York where he was at the taking of Lord Corn Wallis [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781], from thence to Portsmouth where we wintered and from thence to Richmond in the State of Virginia where he was discharged by Colonel Dabney, which discharge he believes has long since been worn out, as he regarded it as being of no service to him, not knowing or thinking he would ever be entitled to a pension for his Revolutionary Services; until shortly before his first application, about 7 or 8 years since, and in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed –

my property consist in one bed one pot one cotton wheel & six plates: that declarant is by occupation a farmer, & that age and infirmity unable to pursue it; his family consist of 8 in number when altogether including himself, viz., 3 boys, to wit, Norman age 17 or 18, who contributes very little to the support of declarant, as he works abroad and mostly for himself, Thomas aged 20 years, who works abroad for himself and does not contribute anything to the support of the declarant & his helpless family part of whom remain with him, Robert aged about 12 years, who from the poverty of declarant is compelled to work abroad for a subsistence, a daughter named Rebecca aged 30 odd years, who is deficient in her mental faculties, and contributes nothing to our support, as she is with us only, at her will; Nancy, who is aged 20 odd years who lives abroad and does for herself, and infant girl named Betsey aged 8 years who is yet living with me: Besides my companion aged about 57, who from age and infirmity is wholly unable to contribute much to the support of the family. – My companion and the Youngest and last named child Betsey, now constitute my family, and from age, infirmity and infancy they are altogether unable to support themselves without the assistance of the country will buy private charitable donations. Declarant states that no material change has taken place in his property since the 18th of March 1818.

Schedule of the property now owned by me, the is

1 Bed, straw	\$2.00
6 plates	.50
1 pot	1.25
1 Cotton Wheel	<u>2.00</u>
	\$5.75

S/Thomas Mansfield

