

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas May R7057

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The State of Alabama, Fayette County: County Court August Term 1836

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1836 personally appeared in Open Court before the Hon. Walter Haskins presiding Judge Thomas May a resident of said County and State aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was born in the year 1755 in Caroline County in the State of Virginia and from said State, I moved to Surry County in the State of North Carolina, and that about the first of September 1780 as well as recollected I entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer under the command of Captain Jesse Franklin [Jesse Hardin Franklin] who was commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and marched from Surry County to near the forks of Broad River and joined Col Campbell [William Campbell] and Col Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and from thence to the Cowpens, thence to Kings Mountain and was in the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]<sup>1</sup> and after the Battle we were marched to the Brushy Mountain and was there discharged after having been in service upwards of three months. I then returned home to Surry County and in a short time moved to Grayson County in the State of Virginia and in a short time I again volunteered under the command of Captain Charles Morgan in Grayson County who was commanded by Col Campbell and from said County we were marched to Big Sandy and was there stationed until we were discharged after being in service at that time upwards of three months. I then returned home and on my arrival I immediately Volunteered under Captain William Love as a Ranger and was in service under his command in scouting from one neighborhood to another for more than three months before I was discharged besides several short tours which I was engaged in, in scouting previous to and after above mentioned services, which discharges are all lost or mislaid so that they cannot be found. And by reason of old age and the loss of memory I cannot swear positively to the exact period that said services were rendered but according to the best of my Recollection it was performed as above stated and for such services I claim a pension and my reason for not claiming sooner was that I believed I could live without asking my Country for a support but my circumstances at the present require something to ease my labor and that there is no clergyman residing in my neighborhood that I can get to certify to my declaration and for my credibility I refer to the annexed certificate of

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

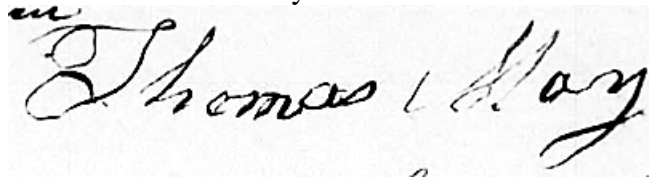
Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

S/ James B. Morton

S/ Thomas May

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

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> : I was born in Caroline County in the State of Virginia in the year 1755.

Answer 2<sup>nd</sup> : I have no Record of my age only what I learned from my parents.

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup> : I was living in Surry County North Carolina the first services I rendered and the remainder I was living in Grayson County Virginia.

Answer 4<sup>th</sup> : All my services were done as a Volunteer.

Answer 5<sup>th</sup> : Col Cleveland, Col Gordon, Col Campbell, Col Shelby.

Answer 6<sup>th</sup> : I received a discharge for each tour of duty given to me by my Captains but I do not recollect which signed them, the Capt. or Colonel.

[John Cochran and William Thompson testified for applicant]

[A note in the file indicates that the claim was rejected because the veteran "did not serve six months in a military capacity."]