

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Thomas S11548

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State of Virginia County of Mathews: to wit

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Matthews County now sitting, James Thomas a resident of Matthews County and State of Virginia, 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 on the seventh of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was under Captain Peter Barnett, Richard Davis Lieutenant, George Thomas Ensign, Colonel Sir John Payton [Sir John Peyton], Major Boswell [Thomas Boswell] and Major Throgmorton [probably Robert Throckmorton] were the field officers – He was put on the muster list as soon as he was sixteen and he was on guard on New Point Comfort almost the whole war. He was discharged about the 4th of July 1782. He was in no engagement except some little skirmishes with some barges [?] particularly in Dyer's Creek near Point Comfort. He resided in Kingston Parish Gloucester County when he was called into service as a militia man and has lived there all his life except as he went out occasionally to get work. He was with the Gloucester militia when they formed a line [? above?] near Whiting's Mill and encamped in Hubbard's Old Field, he marched with them into Middlesex and came back to the encampment, thence they marched down to Weir Church and thence to Seawell's old fields where they [made?] another standing encampment, the French Troops foot and light horse under Das cartes<sup>1</sup> or some officer whose name they pronounced Dashaw<sup>2</sup>, were stationed there. He did not serve with any of the Continental troops nor does he remember any of their regiments, companies or officers – He has no documentary evidence to show when he entered or was discharged, he received no written discharge, he can prove his service by John White and Josiah Pew, he was born in Gloucester County, Kingston Parrish, October 20th 1763 he has no record of his age, he thinks he served in all more than two years – only as a private –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Thomas

<sup>1</sup> *Das cartes*

<sup>2</sup> *Dashaw*

*James Thomas*

[Sam Smith Senior and John Borum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia, James Thomas, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade to wit: For two months I served under Captain Peter Barnett at New Point Comfort in 1779 he was ordered out by the Colonel of the County Sir John Payton, for three months. I served at the same place under the same officer called out by like order in 1780 for three months I served at the same place under the same officers in 1781 for three months and I served in the encampment at Hubbard's old field when the Gloucester militia were called out just before the siege of York from there we went to Seawell's old field where I served in camp for \_\_\_ months and 15 days, three days before the siege ended Captain Burnet [sic] took myself and other men to ferry Washington and his men across York River. For three months I served on guard at Point Comfort under Captain Barnett in 1782, at each of the periods I have mentioned we were called out by orders of Colonel Payton the Commandant of Gloucester County, during the periods I have specified herein I was in regular duty and was not engaged in any civil occupation. I served all the time as a private militia man and for such service making in all fourteen and 1/2 months in the Revolutionary War I claim a pension. There is not any clergyman in my neighborhood who certificate I could get.

S/ John Borum

S/ James Thomas

This Affidavits [sic] of Josiah Pugh [Josiah Pew<sup>3</sup>] and John ~~White~~ Christian<sup>4</sup> both of lawful age made in the County of Mathews to accompany the declaration of James Thomas [indecipherable word] 15th of August 1832 to which he has now added an amended declaration.

These Affiants being first duly sworn, depose and say that they were acquainted with James Thomas before he entered into the service, while in service and ever since, that he was with these Affiants on duty at Hubbard's old field, Ware Church, Louwella's [sic, Lewellen's?] old field and Gloucester Town – he was on guard at Point Comfort – he entered the service in 1777 and was discharged in the fall 1781, he belonged to Peter Barnett's Company part of the cost of militia commanded by Colonel Sir John Payton – These affiants have heard the declaration made by James Thomas this day and are satisfied that he served fully as long as the periods therein mentioned – that he was not engaged in any civil occupation during those periods.

*Josiah Pew*  
*John Christian*

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<sup>3</sup> FPA W5586

<sup>4</sup> [John Christian S15276](#)

[Veteran died March 17, 1838, reference is made in the file to his children, but the number of children and their names are not designated. There is no information in the file regarding the veteran's wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 1/2 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]