

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Parsons S14075

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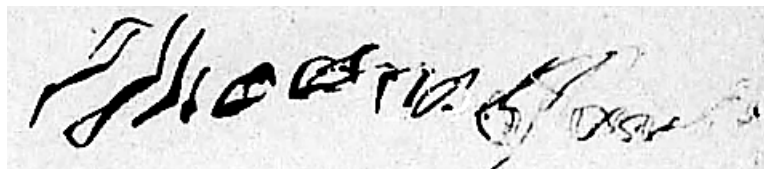
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State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the Green Circuit Court holden for Green County Kentucky before the Judge of said Court, Thomas Parsons, a resident citizen of Green County and State aforesaid aged eighty-four years the 9th day of September next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832. That he enlisted & served in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War; to wit he enlisted in the company of Captain John Brunt [sic, possibly John Brent] in the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia in the year 1774 or 1775 he is not positive which, he enlisted for two years & served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Reid [name written over and unclear, could be "Isaac Reid" which may refer to Isaac Read] in the Brigade commanded by General Spotswood, he served out his time of enlistment except four months & a few days say nine and was discharged at Alexandria in the District of Columbia either in the year 1776 or 1777, he does not recollect which; he obtained a written discharge but has long since lost or destroyed it. The company & Regiment to which he belonged was on the Continental establishment, he served a few days towards the end of his enlistment as second Sergeant, the whole balance of his service he served as a corporal from the time of his enlistment – at the expiration of the time of his actual service having been four months and he thinks four or 9 days to serve of his two years he procured one Jesse Elam to serve the remainder of his term as a substitute. – He has never received or applied for a pension until now – He was in the engagement with the British at the long bridge [known as the Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775] above Norfolk in Virginia where Captain Fordyce [Charles Fordyce] a British Captain was killed. He was in some other small engagements during his service – he has no documentary proof of his services, he can partially prove his service I Captain Thomas Gaines [?] who is the only witness by whom he can be proven known to him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above named –

S/ Thomas Parsons

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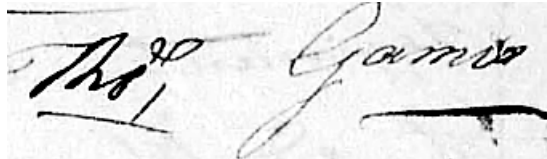
State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court held for the County and State aforesaid Thomas Gaines¹ a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Statement, to wit, that during the revolutionary war he resided in Charlotte County in the State of Virginia, and that then and there he was well acquainted with Thomas Parsons who now resides in Green County Kentucky and that the said Thomas Parsons entered the service of the United States in Charlotte County State of Virginia under the command of Captain John Brent, in the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Read; the said Thomas Gaines states that he saw the said Thomas Parsons while on his march under the above named commanders, and that he the said Parsons was marching to Norfolk in the State of Virginia as the said Thomas Gaines then understood, the said Thomas Gaines further states that he understood at the time the said Thomas Parsons entered the Service that he the said Thomas Parsons had enlisted for two years, he knows that the said Parsons was absent from his place of Residence for two years, and he has no doubt but that the said Parsons was in the service during his absence; the said Thomas Gaines states that he thinks it was in the year 1775 when the said Parsons entered the service under the commanders above stated –

The said Thomas Gaines further states that during the Revolutionary War the said Thomas Parsons was generally reputed and believed by his neighbors and acquaintances to have served 2 years as above stated,

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date 1st above written.

S/ Thos. Gaines

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Gaines", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.54 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year & 7 months & 21 days in the Virginia service.]

¹ Probably the same man as [Thomas Gaines W11048](#)