

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Theobald

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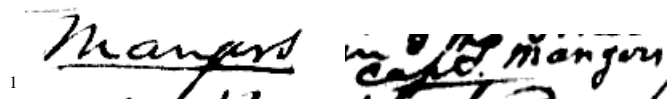
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State of Kentucky Grant County: Sct

On this 21 day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Grant Circuit Court in open Court sitting James Theobald of the said County of Grant and State aforesaid aged Seventy-two years from December last past 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 passed June 7th, 1832. That about eight months before the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York during the Revolutionary war he volunteered as a private soldier in Captain Mills' Company (his Christian name forgotten) for three months service at Alexandria Virginia, on the Potomac [River]. That he served these three months, obtained his discharge – but has no knowledge what has become of it – he made search for it and can't find it. He does not recollect whose Regiment he was attached to in said company nor does he recollect the name of any other officers. That during said service he was marched in different parts of Virginia but was in no regular engagement. After his term expired he again volunteered [in] the Company of a Captain in the Virginia Militia whose name he has forgotten he volunteered for three months at Alexandria aforesaid, was employed as in his previous service until about two months after he volunteered the second time when he enlisted as a soldier during the war in Captain Mangers¹ [?] (a French Captain's) Company. He does not know how to spell his name but the said Captain was in the American service and enlisted man as such. The bounty was in Congress money but he does not recollect how much he received directly after he enlisted the siege of York commenced and he was engaged in the siege as a soldier under the last mentioned Captain until the final surrender of Cornwallis, and continued in said Company until the disbanding of the Army. That he received his discharge for said services but has lost or mislaid the same so that he cannot find it. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services except perhaps his brothers Clement & William Theobald who only know that he was a soldier of the revolution, whilst at the siege of York he knew General Washington – a Captain Washington of the regular Army, he knew General Smallwood of Maryland also Marquis Lafayette and one Major Long who was he believes of his Regiment, he does not recollect the names of any other officers of the Army. His memory has much failed him of late years many other officers were known & familiar to him in the early time but he has forgotten them and their names and he does not consider it proper order the necessary to look to the history of the war to find them out. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he


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declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. He states that the time of his whole service was upwards of six months but the precise time he cannot state.

S/ James Theobald



[William Conrad, a clergyman, Lewis Sanders, Junior, Hubbard B Smith, Martin Draper and Lewis Myers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories by the Court

Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in St. Mary's County State of Maryland and was 72 years old the second day of December last – I have since my infancy understood & so counted.

Question – Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Anr. I have no record of my age. It was recorded in my father's Bible in Maryland which Bible is in the family of some of his descendents. In 1813 it was at my father's in St. Mary's County Maryland as I am informed by my son Griffin [Griffin Theobald] who then saw it there and brought a copy of it the record with him in that year to this County which [balance of this line has been marked out and is largely indecipherable.]

Question by same Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Anr. My father lived in St. Mary's Maryland. I had no particular place of residence. I followed the water and had a pilot boat in the Potomac but claimed my father's as my house at the time of my volunteering and enlistment – the war was over say about 45 years ago I removed to the state of Kentucky and settled near Paris now Bourbon County, lived there one year & then moved to Woodford County four miles from Versailles, remained there about six years then moved to Licking River in the now County of Pendleton remained there seven or eight years then moved to the Dry Ridge in the now County of Grant where I have resided ever since.

To the fourth interrogatory prescribed by the War Department he answers that his declaration is referred to as answer to the same.

To the fifth, he does not remember the names of others than those mentioned in his declaration.

To the sixth, he says he received two discharges he is by the first Captain he served under as stated ^{and the other one by one Major Long for his services as a regular soldier in Captain Mangers Company,} they have been lost or destroyed so that he cannot find them

To the seventh He answers that he is acquainted with most of the early settlers of Grant County, he having been a Gin Keeper for many years and thinks any who know him can testify to his character for veracity and refers to William Conrad a clergyman, Lewis Sanders, Junior Hubbard B Smith, Martin Draper Esquire & Lewis Myers as such & who believes he has served in the Revolution as a soldier.

[Hubbard B Smith, clerk of court, verified the document]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th division, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

[Note: researchers will notice that this applicant only states that he served six months but yet he

was pensioned for two-year service. There is no explanation in the file for this discrepancy.]