

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Venard¹ S16282

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State of Ohio Warren County: SS – On this 30th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas for the County aforesaid now sitting Thomas Venard a resident of Clear Creek Township in the County of Warren and State aforesaid aged seventy-seven years 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 June 7th 1832.

Declarant states that he was born in the State of Virginia in Loudon [Loudoun] County in the year 1756 that he resided in said County and State until he attained somewhere near his twentieth [year] at about which period he removed into the County of Washington in the State of Pennsylvania – the then frontier of said State and within a few miles of where Washington now stands. That a short time after his removal into Pennsylvania in the County aforesaid it being in the fall of the year 1776 the day and month of the season he does not now from the loss of memory and the consequence of age recollect he entered the militia service as a volunteer for the term of three months on an expedition against the Indians under Captain Thomas Gaddis, Lieutenant Philip Liewallen [Philip Llewellyn?] the Ensign of which company he does not recollect. The place of rendezvous for said company in which declarant was numbered together with companies from other sections of the Western part of the State of Pennsylvania was the house of one John Grigg near Washington in said County, from which place together with said companies he marched under the command of the above named officers to a place called Indian Short Creek on the Ohio River the object of which expedition was to secure the frontier of Pennsylvania from Indian invasion during their stay at Indian Short Creek they were engaged only in scouting the country in quest of the Indians. After the lapse of some weeks they removed from Indian Short Creek to a place called Beach Bottom further up the Ohio River during their stay there the term of service for which he had volunteered expired at about which time at the solicitation of Colonel Cannon he was prevailed upon to continue in the Service for the term of six weeks longer before the expiration of which time, he received a written discharge from under the hand of Captain Gaddis which discharge has long since been lost. The period of return from which expedition he cannot recollect but distinctly recollects the discharge specified service of 115 days. Declarant further states that in the Spring of the following year 1777 the day and month of which he cannot distinctly recollect he entered the service again as a substitute for one Benjamin Penmaugh [?] who was drafted for the period of three months to guard Lindley's fort situate on the headwaters of the ten mile Creek under Lieutenant William McFarlan [William

¹ There is a note in the file that indicates that this veteran's claim was filed with the Virginia claimants because at the time the veteran claimed to have served from Washington County, Pennsylvania, that area was still claimed by and under the jurisdiction of the state of Virginia.

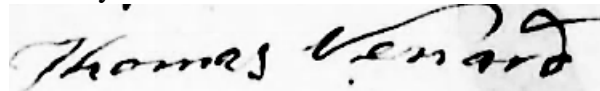
McFarland]. The whole of which time he was engaged in reconnoitering the country about the Fort. Declarant states that he served the whole of the period for which as a substitute he was drafted for which service he thinks he never received a written discharge and if so he has lost it.

Sometime afterwards when though Declarant cannot recollect either the year or month he volunteered in an expedition for the term of three months under Captain Abner Howell to protect what were then called [indecipherable word or words] Block Houses for which expedition he distinctly recollects having served three months for which service he never received any other than a verbal discharge.

Declarant further states that in the year 1782 sometime in the month of June when he cannot distinctly recollect in company with many others he volunteered in the intended expedition against the Indians for an unlimited period each man finding for himself a horse, ammunition, firearms and provision. The place of rendezvous was Mingo Bottom on the West side of the Ohio River at which place an election was held for officers and at which William Crawford was elected commander in chief and in the division of companies the Declarant fell under the immediate command of Captain Joseph Beard [could be Joseph Bean] from which place they marched to Sandusky [indecipherable interlineation] Town at which place they were met and overcome by the Indians. After having been in the engagement from about 2 or 3 o'clock of the afternoon of the date on which they met until the night of the succeeding day when they made their retreat. The whole amount of service in this campaign Declarant does not recollect but thinks it entitled him to two months services for this service – he never received a discharge of any kind whatever – Declarant further states that from the loss of memory and the advance of old age he cannot more definitely than before stated recollect the periods of the war when he served but so far as his fragile memory age him in the recollection of those events he has stated. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his age but believes himself to be about 77 years of age. He removed from Washington County Pennsylvania to the State of Kentucky in Scott County and resided there for the period of two years after which in the year 1790 he removed to Warren County in the State of Ohio where he has ever since resided. He further states that he neither knows or believes of any living witness or witnesses whose testimony he can obtain save that of Richard Davis which is hereto attached for all which service this Declarant asks a Pension.

In pursuance of said law of Congress – He also states that Francis Lucas and John Clymer, both of whom reside in his neighborhood will prove him to be [one or more indecipherable words] to have been a soldier in the revolution and to be a man of veracity – and he states that there is no clergyman residing nearer him who knows anything of his having been a soldier of the revolution or of his reputation as such. 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 the agency of any State or territory during the whole of his service he was a common soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 30 May 1833



[John Clymer and Francis Lucas gave the standard supporting affidavit.

State of Ohio Warren County: SS Richard Davis² being sworn in open Court doth depose that he

² FPA W2438

knew Thomas Venard who subscribed the foregoing declaration in the year 1776 in Washington County Pennsylvania and personally knows that said Thomas Venard served as stated in his declaration in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Gaddis three months in defense of the frontier of Pennsylvania, the deponent having served in the same company, and that both said Venard and this deponent about the expiration of the tour of service at the solicitation of Colonel Cannon agreed to serve for six weeks longer before the expiration of which last mentioned service we were dismissed from the service affiant also knows that said Venard has always been reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution and has been esteemed a man of veracity – affiant well remembers to have heard it said & unanimously believed that said Venard was in Crawford's defeat – further he saith not

S/ Richard Davis, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$39.41 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and 23 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]