

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hobbs S1672

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The State of Tennessee Claiborne County

This day being the \_\_ day of March personally appeared before the court of pleas and quarter sessions held for said County the same being a court of record Thomas Hobbs aged about 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

States that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. –

He states that he resided in the State of North Carolina in the County of Hartford in the year of 1779 when he enlisted in the services of his Country for the term of eighteen months under Lieutenant Man [probably David Mann] – whose company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Porterfield [Lieutenant Colonel Charles Porterfield], Majors McGill and Drue [perhaps Thomas Drew] and when we arrived at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, where we were stationed for some considerable time, and then we marched to the South where we joined General Gates and we had a severe battle [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] with Lord Cornwallis and we were defeated and Colonel Porterfield was killed – we then returned to Virginia and my term of service had expired and I then immediately enlisted in the service of my country again during the war under the above named officers we then marched to Richmond in said State and to Portsmouth and we were stationed and various other places and we were ordered to march to Yorktown in the State of Virginia where we stayed during the Siege and after Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781] at Yorktown I was marched back to Richmond in the State of Virginia where we remained and were stationed until peace was made. I do not know my captains name that he has forgot the same the above named officers were all he recollects Commanded the Regiment to which he belonged which was the first Regiment of the Virginia troops in the Virginia State line – and that it was sometime in the year 1782 that he received his discharge in Richmond in the State of Virginia – which said discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce it – this applicant states that he is now old and infirm and cannot recollect events with more certainty than he has stated he states that he is a very poor man and has no other means of support than the little labor which he is able to perform, he states he was in the following named battles – the battle at Yorktown, the battle of Gates defeat and the following skirmish with the British at the cross roads near the long Bridge in the state of South Carolina and applicant states that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living testimony to prove it by – he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency

of any state whatsoever.

Thomas Hobs [sic], X his mark

[John Hunt, High Sheriff of Claiborne County, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Joseph Neal, a clergyman of the Baptist Church, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County

This day being 25 of April 1835 personally appeared before me F. S. Hunt – One of the Acting Justices of the peace who holds the Courts of pleas and quarter sessions the same being a Court of record for said County – Thomas Hobbs aged Eighty Three years who being first duly sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty Good [God] makes the following declaration in order to obtain a benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the year of our Lord 1779 that he then resided in the County of Hartford in the State of North Carolina he then marched from Winton to Williamsburg Virginia under the following named Officers, to wit –

Col. Dabney

Col. Porterfield

Mager [Major] Magill

and then was stationed at Williamsburg Virginia until there was volunteers ordered out to march to Charleston South Carolina for the term of three months then marched from Williamsburg to Charleston and remained at or near Charleston for the said term of three months and during that time was engaged in a very serious battle of Gates defeat in which this applicant – states he served and suffered very much in that engagement, there was many killed & wounded, we then marched from Charleston back to Goochland Court-House in the State of Virginia then after an 18 months service He enlisted for and during the war at Goochland Court-House under the above named officers in the spring of 1781 and we then marched to the City of Richmond in the said State of Virginia and that he belonged to the State Troops of said State and belonged to the first Regiment of the Virginia line and was stationed at or near Richmond until he was called out to March to York-Town then marched from Richmond to York-Town and there Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General G. Washington and then the Troop to which I belonged to was marched back to Richmond and there stationed until the close of the War, which was as this applicant believes in the month of November the 30<sup>th</sup> 1782 then shortly after that in 1783 I got my discharge which said discharge is lost or so mislaid that he cannot find it – this applicant – avous [avers] that he positively served in the Army of the United States in the first Regiment of the State Troops of the Virginia line and served until the close of the war.

S/ Thomas Hobbs, X his mark

[p 22: On August 16, 1852 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Drury D Gipson, executor of the estate of Thomas Hobbs, deceased, executed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to pursue the claim for the pension due Hobbs at the time of his death. In this power of attorney he also makes reference to the wife of Thomas Hobbs (not named) who he says is also deceased.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

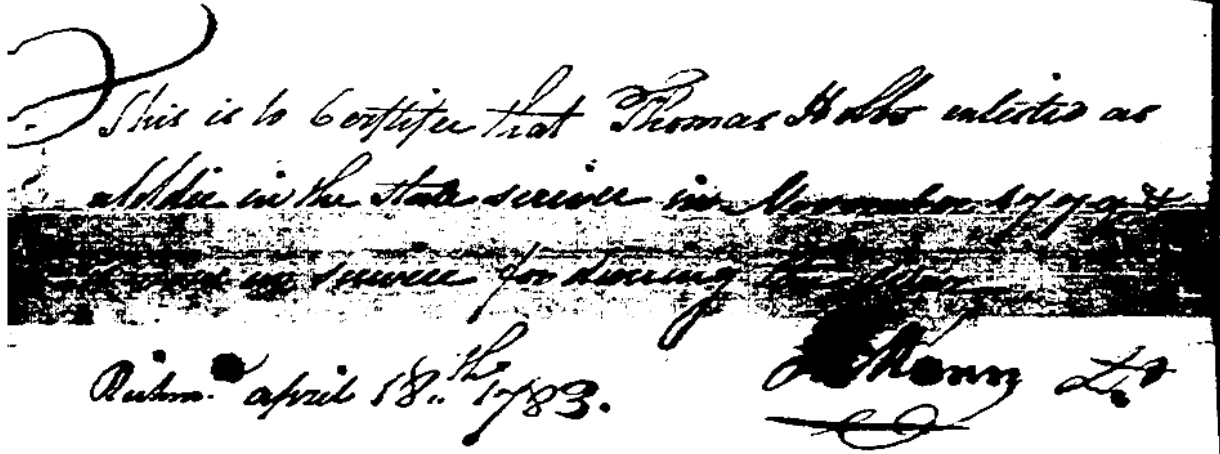
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify that Thomas Hobbs enlisted as a Soldier in the state service in November 1779  
& [indecipherable word or words] in service for during the War.

S/ D. Mann, Lt. [David Mann]

Richmond April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1783



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