

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Rhodes S17045

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State of Virginia Tyler County: SS

On this 12th day of June 1833¹ Personally appeared before the County Court of Tyler County Thomas Rhodes, a resident of said County of Tyler and State aforesaid aged seventy-six on the 4th day of July 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 he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 on the 8th day of February with Captain Windsor Brown, and served in what was then called (as he believes) the 1st Virginia State Regiment at the time of his Enlistment – he understood, & enlisted with that understanding, that he was not to be marched out of Virginia, that he was enlisted by Edward Conner, who had been employed by said Brown, to enlist men for him; that said Conner did not at that time belong to the United States service, but afterwards enlisted in the Cavalry & went under Colonel William Washington to the South, where he was either killed in battle or died of sickness. That he served under the following named Officers to wit, The Company to which he served was commanded by the said Windsor Brown, the Regiment by James Allison, as Major and George Gipson as Colonel. And the brigade was commanded by Peter Muhlenberg – That he enlisted for the Term of three years in the Town of Leesburg, Loudoun County and State of Virginia from which place his Company was marched to the Town of Alexandria, at which place they joined the Regiment & marched to the Town of Williamsburg, from thence the said Regiment marched from Virginia to the State of Pennsylvania to a place called the trap on Perkiomen Creek, within a few miles of Germantown & joined the Army under General Washington, two days after the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] – thence they marched to and lay at an encampment that had been occupied by the Army immediately before the battle of Germantown, thence they marched to the White Marsh Hills, where they had an engagement [December 5-8, 1777] with the British under Lord Cornwallis, thence they marched to the Valley Forge where they went into winter quarters, from thence they marched to & was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], in which battle he was shot through the calf of his left leg: from thence they marched to New Ark [Newark] New Jersey, thence they marched to & went into winter quarters at a place not now recollected, but it was in the State of New York within about 15 or 20 miles of the City of New York, where they lay that winter, the next spring & part of the next summer; in which time he with others of his Company were detailed & sent with a detachment under command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] to take Stony Point [July 16,

¹ Veteran filed an earlier application dated October 8, 1832 [see, f pp. 42-43] but it is less complete and less detailed than the above application.

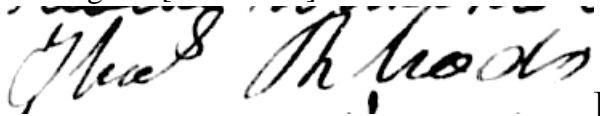
1779] which they did, thence they went to Fish Kill New York, when they staid the balance of the summer, the fall & part of the winter, thence they were marched in the winter back to Leesburg Virginia again, where he was discharged about the 5th of February 1780, he refusing to re-enlist, & the Army being about to be marched away from that part of the Country, he was discharged about three days before his three years was out, that he received a regular discharge from the Army as having served three years, which he kept for many years, but which is now lost – That while in the service he was acquainted with the before named Officers, also with Generals Washington & Lee, also with Captains Payne, Hamilton & Meriwether (or Meriwether); the three captains name, all belonged to the Regiment, to which he belonged – That he cannot recollect the number or names of any Continental or militia Regiments with which he served. That he was born in Loudoun County Virginia the 4th day of July 1756, that he will has a record of his age – That after the close of the Revolutionary War he resided in Loudoun aforesaid a few years, whence he removed to Hampshire County Virginia, where he lived about 12 years, thence he removed to Brooke County Virginia, where he lived about six years, thence he removed to the State of Ohio, where he resided about ten years, whence he removed to his present place of residence, where he has ever since resided. That he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service. That he is acquainted with the Reverend Rezin White, Presley Martin, John Martin, John Gosney, Jeremy Williams, Asa Harris & others of his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services in the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Rhodes, X his mark

[Rezin White, a clergyman, and Asa Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 45: On March 30, 1839 in Des Moines County Iowa, the veteran filed a petition to have his pension transferred to the Territory of Iowa as he intends to remain there in order to reside with his daughter [not named].

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Rhodes", enclosed in a rectangular box.

[f p. 7: On May 21, 1845 in Van Buren County Iowa, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the agency of the state of Iowa; that he had moved there to be near to his relatives in his old age.]

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