

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Thomas S17145

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Commonwealth of Kentucky, Clarke [sic, Clark] County Sct.

On this 28th day of April 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Clarke County aforesaid, now sitting, in open Court, James Thomas a resident of Clarke County and State of Kentucky, aged sixty-nine 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 – That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 with Captain Thomas Moer [sic, Thomas Moore or Thomas Moen or Thomas Moon or Thomas Mare or Thomas Mane?¹], and served in the line of the Virginia Continental troops – as a private, under said Captain Moen [sic]—but he does not recollect the names of the officers commanding the Division Brigade Regiment or Battalion in which he served, and he will has forgotten the names of the Lieutenant & Ensigns attached to said Captain Moore's Company during the time of his service in it. He states that he was enlisted by said Captain Mare [sic] in the spring of the year 1781, but the month and day of the month on which he enlisted he has forgotten – that he was enlisted for the term of one year and he served not only the year aforesaid for which he was enlisted but one month in addition there too, by reason of said enlistment that he received a written discharge from said Moore which written discharge he has since lost and he has no written evidence whatever of his service aforesaid. That when he enlisted he was living in London County [Loudoun County] in the State of Virginia and in that part of said County which is now Fairfax County – that he was regularly sworn in as a soldier and thereupon was marched immediately to Fredericksburg in said state and there continued a few days and thence he was marched to Williamsburg in said State and was stationed there some considerable time, until the Corps to which he was attached were marched to the Town of York where he was at the siege of York and the capture of Lord Cornwallis – that at said siege he served under General George Washington and saw him at said siege and also the Marquis Lafayette. That after said siege he was marched to Head Quarters under General Washington, at or near Stoney Point on the other side of the North River, and he believes in the State of New York and at that place, to wit, near Stoney Point, he received a written discharge as before stated from said Captain Moore – and he states that he served as a private as aforesaid at least thirteen months – that from old age and infirmity and consequent loss of memory he cannot state with more precision than he has here his length of service nor can he tell the month or the day of the

Thomas Moore: Moore's Moore's

¹ I am reasonably certain the officer referred to is Captain Thomas Moore and is so named in other documents in this file.

month in which he was discharged as aforesaid or month [indecipherable word], but he remembers that he was discharged in the year 1782 that when he was enlisted he was about seventeen years of age and as well as he can recollect he was born in the year 1764, but the month or day of the month, of his birth he cannot remember –

He states that he was born in Londen [Loudoun] County Virginia in that part of said County which is now Fairfax County – that he was born in the year 1764 and that he has no record of his age – and that when he was called into service he was living in London [sic] County aforesaid and he has stated above the names of such of the regular Officers as he served with so far as he can recollect them.

He states that during his service aforesaid he was in but one battle and that was at the siege of York – that he was then marched to Alexandria in Virginia, then to Georgetown in Maryland then to Blendenberg [sic?] & Baltimore in said State, to Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and through the State of New Jersey the said Headquarters on North River

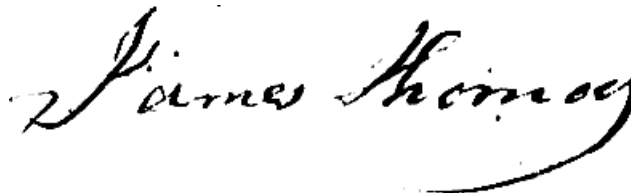
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

He further states that he claims a pension for a service of thirteen months which he served as aforesaid under said Captain Thomas Moore.

He further states that in the year 1789 or 1790 he removed from London [sic] County in the State of Virginia to Fayette County in Kentucky and has lived in Kentucky ever since except that for about ten years of the time he lived in the State of Indiana and for the last two or three years has lived in Kentucky and now lives in Clarke [sic] County Kentucky and until he removed from Virginia he continued to reside in London [sic] County in said State.

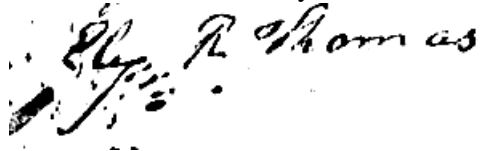
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[f p. 6: Joseph Thomas, brother of the veteran, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he, affiant, is 67 years old, and recalls his brother having gone off in service and served about 13 months. Joseph signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Ely R. Thomas, 59, also gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that James Thomas, the applicant, is the son of Robert Thomas and a cousin of this affiant; that both of the parents of the veteran are dead; that the family history was that James Thomas was a soldier in the revolution and served as a private soldier; he also states that Colonel Benjamin Whaley² (who is now dead) told affiant that he, Whaley, had served with James Thomas in the revolutionary war as a private soldier and that Whaley was a revolutionary Pensioner.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ely R. Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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² Presumably the affiant is referring to the same man as [Benjamin Whaley S31472](#).

[Note: In February, 1839, the veteran made application in Callaway County Missouri, that he had recently moved from Kentucky to Missouri, "that his children principally reside" in Missouri and he wished to be with them, names of the children are not given. He also referred to his daughter-in-law but did not give her name.]