

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Thomas s17147

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State of Missouri County of Washington: SS

On this 4th day of November in the year 1834 personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Washington aforesaid Edward Thomas a resident of the Township of Bellevue in the County of Washington in the State of Missouri, aged seventy-six years and eight months 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 may by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born on the 19th day of February in the year 1758 in the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia, where he resided when he was called into the Regular Service of the United States as herein after mentioned. When he finally quit the Army a few weeks before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], he settled in the County of Albemarle in Virginia where he continued to reside until the month of December 1820 when he removed to the County of Washington in this state where he ever since has resided. That when he was a citizen of the County of Buckingham as above stated he enlisted as a volunteer in the Army of the United States in the fall of the year 1777 he believes in the latter part of October or the first of November, with Hudson Carter, Zachariah Jones, Abraham Jones,¹ Anthony Bryant, Giles Davidson,² Stephenson Davidson,³ & others and served first in Colonel Francis Taylor's Regiment under the following named officers –He first entered the service of the Army of the United States, as a volunteer under Captain John Thomas of Buckingham County in Virginia, who was at that time under the command of Colonel Francis Taylor when he first entered under Captain Thomas he marched from Buckingham Court House into Albemarle County, and shortly after the arrival of the troops in that County, Captain Thomas resigned his office, and Captain Garland Burley [Garland Burnley] succeeded to the command of the company to which he belonged, that he continued in Albemarle County under the last mentioned officers, guarding the prisoners taken at Burgoyne's Defeat [October 7, 1777] until his discharge at the expiration of his term of Service which is about the month of July in the year 1779.

A few weeks after his discharge as above mentioned he again enlisted as a volunteer in the United States Army under Captain Leek [Leake?] then under the command of General Lawson – that he continued in the United States Army from that time until about three weeks before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown in the fall of the year 1781. – That he did not enlist for the war, but for the term of two or three months, but so soon as our enlistment

¹ FPA S46452

² [Giles Davidson S6790](#)

³ Stephen Davidson FPA S8306

expired he reenlisted until his final discharge as above mentioned. The precise time of each enlistment he cannot at this late period recollect, but he can't state the names of his officers, During the time from July 1779 to the time of his discharge in the fall of 1781 he served under Captain Leek, and Captain John Nicholas who were under the command of General Lawson, – under Captain Peter Papterson [Peter Patterson?], who was then (as he believes but is not certain) under the command of General Morgan. His last enlistment was under Captain Raily commanded by General Wayne and his last discharge was given & by Captain Raily, which has been long since lost or mislaid.

He will now state the battles in which he was engaged. He was at a battle at a place called Hot water [Battle of Hot Water Plantation also known as the skirmish at Spencer's Tavern or Ordinary, six miles northwest of Williamsburg, June 26, 1781] in Henrico County Virginia commanded, as he believes, by Captain John Nicholas, The next engagement was at Hickory Run Church in Henrico County, under the command of General Wayne and in the company of Captain Raily. The last battle which he was engaged in was at Jamestown under the last mentioned officers at which battle General Lafayette was present and commanded with Wayne. He further states that he was in the detachment under General Morgan that marched as far as the time [sic, line] between the states of North Carolina and Virginia then going to reinforce the American forces near Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], but there hearing of the defeat of the our forces at that place the detachment marched no further South.

That he has no written discharge now in his possession nor any other written memorandum by which to fix dates or refresh his memory. That he kept no account of his services rendered by which to claim compensation at a future day – that he fought not for money but for liberty, but as the Government has thought proper to pay the survivors of the Army of the Revolution he now presents his declaration in conformity to the regulations of the war Department, as nearly as his recollection of the facts so far past will enable him. Perhaps his imperfect recollection may deprive him of compensation for his services among the men of the revolution, if so he cannot help it. He is old and his memory much impaired and he can make no further statement.

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 of any State.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court this fourth day of November 1834

S/ J. C. Brickey, Clerk

S/ Edward Thomas



[Facts in file: Veteran died May 11, 1847; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]