

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Evan Thomas S17728

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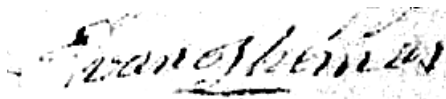
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State of Indiana Jennings County: Sct.

Personally appeared before me Chapman Denslow one of the Associate Judges of Jennings Circuit Court Evan Thomas who made oath that he enlisted in Captain Lee's Company of minute men in Prince William County Virginia sometime in the summer of 1775 and marched down to Hampton against Lord Dunmore and continued until the third day of February 1776 and then Enlisted in the Regular service in Captain Charles West[']s Rifle Company said Company joined the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Weden [George Weedon] in which he remained two years and was discharged in the year 1778 at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania and returned home to Virginia and in the year 1781 was drafted in Hampshire County Virginia for eighteen months to go to the southward and served by a substitute one James McGraw and that he is now sixty-two years old and unable to do much labor and stands in need of the pension allowed by Congress to the soup enumerated and indigent Officers and Soldiers of Revolutionary War.

S/ Evan Thomas



Sworn to and subscribed to before me in the Month of December the 17th 1818

S/ Chapman Denslow, A. J. J. C.

State of Indiana Jennings County: SS

On this seventh day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Commissioners Court of the County of Jennings & State of Indiana composed of Robert Elliott President, Patrick W Dixon & Sam Wagner Commissioners now sitting Evan Thomas aged seventy-six years a resident of the said County of Jennings and State aforesaid who first being duly sworn deposed and saith that upon his Oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That in the summer of the year 1775 and to the best of his memory in the month of July in said year he enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States in a company of minute men under the command of Captain Philip Lee in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gresham at Prince William County State of Virginia and served as such soldier until February 1776. And then he enlisted and served as a private soldier two years next thereafter in the Rifle Company of Captain Charles West which became a part of the third Regiment of Virginia Regular troops commanded by Colonel Weeden [George Weedon] and Major Leach [Andrew Leitch?] And that he left the Army at

Valley Forge State of Pennsylvania, And that he served as such enlisted soldier under his first enlistment six months agreeably to the best of his remembrance and belief and that he served under his last mentioned Enlistment two years amounting in the whole to two years and six months of actual service agreeably to the above declaration, and that during the said services he fought in the battles of White Plains [October 28, 1776], Harlan Plains on York Island [?], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Piscataway [May 10, 1777] and various other skirmishes and that his marches during the above periods of service was from Virginia to New York through Maryland and New Jersey crossed the Hudson River at New York and marched to the White Plains – the particulars of his marches are as follows first to New York, thence to White Plains where he had a battle with the Tories called Rogers Rangers and the British and after the battle he retreated with the Army through New Jersey, where he was taken sick with the Camp Fever and was sent to Philadelphia where he had the smallpox & in March 1777 joined the Army at Morristown in New Jersey and was in the battle of Piscataway against the British and the Americans at that time drove the enemy on board of their shipping at Amboy, and that he marched with the Army over the Highlands of Saratoga New York thence he marched back to Brandywine battle on the 11th September 1777 and thence to the battle of Germantown on the 4th of October thereafter and that he then belonged to general Woodford's Brigade and Major General Stevens Division and went into winter quarters at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania where he was discharged by General Woodford. And the documentary evidence which the said Thomas has of his said services all filed in the War Department where they were placed for the purpose of obtaining a pension under laws heretofore passed for the benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers, but owing to his not coming within the purview of the Act on account of indigence his application failed and his papers and documents still remain on file. And he hereby relinquishes all and 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 and in confirmation of the above declaration he forwards the affidavit of Phillip Conner¹ of a part of the above mentioned services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.



[John B New, a clergyman, and Levi W Todd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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And the said Court further certifies that the following questions were put to said applicant and answered as follows and sworn to in open Court

Qu 1. Where were you born?

Ans. In Frederick County Virginia February 22, 1757

Qu. 2. Have you any record of your age?

Ans. He has no record of his age but was born as above mentioned.

Qu. 3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. He was living in Prince William County State of Virginia when called into the service of the United States and that he has lived in Virginia until the year 1796 when he removed to Kentucky Shelby County until the year 1805 and has ever since resided in the County of

¹ Sic, Philip Conner FPA S42134

Jennings State of Indiana

Question 4th How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for them

Answer. He was a volunteer soldier as stated in his declaration.

Question 5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer. He states as the names of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where he served Colonel Grisham, Colonel Weeden, Captain leak, General Woodford and a Major General Stevens

Question 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. He says that he received a discharge in the month of February 1778 by General Woodford, which has for a long time been lost or destroyed

Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. He is known to as Ezra F Pabody [Peabody?] and William C from well of Jennings County who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Signed by us in open Court this 7th of January 1833.

S/ Robert Elliott

S/ Pat W. Dixon

S/ Samuel Wagner

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State of Indiana Jennings County: SS

I Phillip Conner resident of the County of Jennings and State of Indiana and after being duly sworn as a witness for Evan Thomas resident of Jennings County and State aforesaid in order to enable the said Evan Thomas to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 do solemnly swear that I have a knowledge that sometime in the month of February 1776 the said Evan Thomas enlisted for two years in Captain Charles West's Rifle company third Virginia Regiment of Regular troops commanded at that time by Colonel Weedon and continued to serve in said Regiment until the term of his the said Thomas' enlistment expired under the command of Colonel Marshal [probably Thomas Marshall], and that said Thomas was honorably discharged at Valley Forge and this deponent have a knowledge that said Thomas served as a soldier and fought at the Battle of Brandywine & further saith not



[Facts in file: Veteran died in Jennings County Indiana February 1, 1840 leaving a widow Mary, who died March 3, 1843. Booth Thomas is the only heir mentioned. His relationship is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]