

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hoover S18029

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State of Virginia Pendleton County: SS

On this 5th day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pendleton now sitting, Thomas Hoover a resident of said County, aged 70 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 Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That on or about the first day of September 1778 (as near as he can recollect), he was drafted into the militia service of the United States as a private in a Company of Virginia Militia of the County of Augusta commanded by Captain Robert Davis, whose Company was raised to go against the Indians in the North Western frontier of Virginia. He was marched to the Waters of the Monongahela & stationed at Lowder's Fort [sic: Col. William Lowther's Fort, also called Fort Richards, near present West Milford West Virginia], here he served until the expiration of his three months term of service, when he was discharged. –

In the month of June 1781 he was again drafted and served a second tour of three months against the British, in the lower part of Virginia as a private in a company of Virginia Militia of the (then) County of Rockingham commanded by Captain George Huston, and was marched from home to Richmond and there placed under command of Colonel Benjamin Harrison and Generals Campbell & Lafayette, and was engaged during the greater part of the Summer of 1781 on scouting parties through the state of Virginia and was at the Battle of James Town [July 6, 1781] where the forces under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] were defeated by the British, and at the expiration of his term of service, he was discharged.

In the month of April or May 1782, he was again drafted, and served a third tour of three months in a Company of Militia of the County of Rockingham under command of Captain William Smith, and Lieutenant Everman [William Eberman], which company was raised to protect the inhabitants of the North Fork of the South Branch of Potomac against the Indians who had broken into that settlement and murdered some of the family of William Gragg. He was stationed on the North Fork, at Minness' Fort, and served until the expiration of his term of service when he was discharged having faithfully served during the War of the Revolution under the three engagements, at least Nine months. –

He has no documentary evidence of his services, never having received a written or printed discharge; but expects to prove a part, and perhaps the whole of his services by the testimony of living Witnesses and men who served with him. –

He hereby relinquishes 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.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Hoover, X his mark

[John Headrick & Frederick Hederick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Pendleton County Virginia SS

Palser Hammer¹ a resident of said County this day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid and made oath that in the latter part of the year 1778 he served a tour of three months in a company of Virginia militia of Augusta County under command of Captain Robert Davis, on the Waters of the Monongahela; and that Thomas Hoover who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration also served in the same company as a private for the space of three months. Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of June 1833.

S/William McCoy, Junior, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 9 months.]

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