

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Thomas S1880

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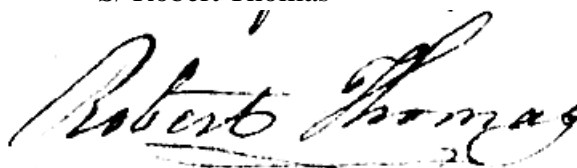
State of Tennessee Davidson County: SS

On this 23rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting Robert Thomas a resident of Davidson County & State of Tennessee aged 73 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 seventh 1832.

I was born in Virginia Amelia County June 6th 1759. I entered the service of the United States in 1778, having been drafted for one year to fill up vacancies in the regiments of the regular Army then lying at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania which had been much reduced by discharges of the troops who had previously enlisted. I went out under Captain William Cunningham & when I arrived at Valley Forge was placed in the company of Captain William Taylor who was a Captain in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia Line of which Christian Feebecker [Christian Febiger] was Colonel & under these officers I served the year for which I was drafted. Having paraded at Valley Forge we marched thence to New York to the White Plains & afterwards to Monmouth Courthouse. I was in the battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] one of the hardest and best contested battles during the war of the Revolution. From Monmouth I marched to Pyramus [Paramus] & from that to West Point along with the Army whose marchings & counter-marchings can be distinctly traced in the history of the times. From West Point, after remaining there some time I retired into winter quarters at Middle-Brook [Middlebrook], having served out the term for which I was drafted. I was regularly discharged & kept my discharge for many years but seeing that it was of little use to me I neglected it & lost it. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension Roll or Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 23rd of October 1832.

S/ Robert Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Test S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk of the Davidson County court

[James Whitsitt, a clergyman, and John Boyd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died August 15, 1838; the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.