

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thomas S22014

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: SS

On this 28th day of September 1832, personally appeared before the presiding Judge of the Court of Sessions & common pleas held for the district aforesaid, John Thomas a resident of Spartanburg district & State of South Carolina, aged 79 years the 7th day of October last, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

I entered the service of the United States in the month of February 1778 as a drafted Militia man in the County of Richmond State of Virginia for the term of one year under the command of Captain Henry Fauntleroy, joined head quarters at the Valley Forge on the Schuylkill River in General Muhlenberg's Brigade – Fifth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Ball, was in the engagement on the 28th of June following between Monmouth Church & Monmouth Court House. The Americans kept the ground & buried their dead and that of the Enemy on the 29th. From the battleground I was marched to White Plains in Connecticut [sic New York] where I was ordered and went on the line of the Light Infantry in Captain Powell's Company – Colonel Parker's Regiment under the command of General Scott. From thence I went into winter quarters at Middleberry [Middletown ?] in the Jerseys at which place I was discharged by Colonel Gaskins of General Woodford's Brigade in the month of February or March 1799 [sic 1779], having served upwards of one year. I gave my discharge to Colonel Leroy Peachy [Leroy Peachey] of Richmond County Virginia to enable him to draw the balance of my wages & clothing. I was born in Richmond County State of Virginia on the 7th of October in the year 1752. I have a record of my age now in my possession. I was living in the County of Richmond Virginia when called into service & continued to live in that state until I came to Spartanburg District State of South Carolina thirty years or upwards ago. I respectfully refer to the Reverend James Rainwaters & Doctor Andrew B Moore of said District who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. I have no documentary evidence. Sworn to in open court.

S/ Jno B O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ John Thomas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

[James Rainwater, a clergyman, and Doctor A. B. Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 21st day of March 1783 , in the name of John Thomas as a Soldier of Infantry for £108.12.5, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Gibson and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
5th day of July 1844.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p 12: letter dated September 14th, 1857 Woodruff South Carolina from William Jones inquiring as to whether or not an increase in the pension due the children of the veteran might be obtained based on the veteran having served as a Sergeant. He states in his letter that his wife (not named) is one of the living children of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]