

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Roan (Rowan, Rowland) Thomas S22015

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### South Carolina Marion District

On this the 13th day of October A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court at Marion Court House, before the Judge thereof, Rowan Thomas, aged Eighty-four years, who upon oath made the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in North Carolina, on the Roanoke [River] on the 12th day of March 1850 -- his age was recorded in a Testament now at deponent's house in Marion District -- that he entered the Service of the United States in the year 1776 as a regular soldier, enlisted under Captain William Mason, 2nd Regiment under the [indecipherable word] direction of General Moultrie [William Moultrie] -- Isaac Motte was Colonel in the said Regiment. Served for 2 years & a half under Captain John Blake -- Captain Mason was but a recruiting officer. -- deponent was at the Battle on Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776] which was the only general Battle he was in during this term of deponent's service. -- was frequently engaged in small Scouts & had many skirmishes which need no particular recital. In the latter part of the year 1778 he was drafted by Captain Nettles [William Nettles] of the militia & served under him as a private 2 months. In this time he marched down to Santee, Beaufort, & Charleston under the direction of Colonel Baxter [Jacob Baxter] but had no particular engagement as deponent recollects. At the expiration of that term of service, deponent returned to Marion & was drafted again in the militia service by Captain Shadrach Munnerlyn -- marched down again to Santee, Moncks Corner, Goose Creek, Santee, where he was discharged after having served at that time one month. In the latter part of the same year he served one month under Captain John Smith, down in the neighborhood of Santee River, under the direction of General Marion [Francis Marion]. In the year 1780 he served 2 months under Captain Joseph Greaves in the same manner as the last above mentioned service. In the latter part of the same year, he served two other months under the same officer at different points on the Santee River and the adjacent Country, wherever it was rendered necessary by the orders of his superior officers. In the year 1781 served one other months in the manner last mentioned under Captain Valentine Rowel [Valentine Rowell]. He also served at other times during the same year & the year subsequent, but deponent cannot recollect the officers' names nor the precise places where the services were performed, with sufficient accuracy to charged them in his declaration. He well recollects that he served at any & all times he was afterwards called upon & never refused to obey the call of his Country. He swears positively to 2 1/2 years as a regular, & to 9 months as a private in the militia Service. He further swears that during the time the above service was performed he was not engaged in any civil pursuit but was under the orders & directions of military officers who disowned the

command over him. -- That he was either in the field or in Garrison. -- that he has lost all his discharges that he has been living in Marion ever since the war until the present time. He hereby renounces all claim whatever to any pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Roan Thomas

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roan Thomas", written in a cursive style. The signature is somewhat faded and is set against a light, textured background.

Sworn to in open court & subscribed before made this 13th of October 1834

S/ Edward B. Wheeler, CCP

[Edward Herrin, a clergyman, and Edward B. Wheeler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]