

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Gadd S25549

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State of Maryland City of Baltimore

On this 14th day of April in the year of our Lord 1818 personally appeared before me the undersigned, Thomas Gadd, residing in the City of Baltimore, aged fifty-eight years, and applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" -- and then and there made the following declaration on oath by me administered. -- "That he enlisted on or about the first of July 1780 in Queen Anne County on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, was mustered in Chester Town in said State in Captain Sheppard's Company of "State Regiment," ordered to Annapolis, from thence to Philadelphia, then back to Annapolis, and from thence in the month of October of same year, marched under command of Colonel Smith to the southward, -- and in the month of January 1781 joined the Army then commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], on their retreat from the "Sharrow Hills" [sic, probably a reference to Cheraw Hills] in South Carolina -- In the month of March following the Regiment being broken up, deponent was transferred to Captain James Bruff's Company of Second Maryland Regiment, then under the command of Colonel Stewart [John Stewart] -- soon after which deponent was severely wounded in the head by a musket ball at the battle of Guilford Court House, sent to Perkins Hospital in the State of Virginia, and about the first of June following, joined the Regiment at the siege of "96" [May 21-June 19, 1781]: and when the British evacuated [December 1782] Charleston deponent was stationed on James Island, from thence transported by water to Annapolis, there receiving and unlimited furlough, on or about the Month of July 1783 -- which was afterwards published by proclamation of General Washington, as a final discharge -- particulars will appear by the annexed papers -- deponent relinquishes the pension formally obtained and from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Subscribed & sworn to before me

S/ Thomas Gadd, X his mark

S/ N. Price, Chief Judge Baltimore City Court

State of Maryland City of Baltimore

I hereby certify that the said Thomas Gadd in addition to the within declaration under oath, produced a paper purporting to be a pension Certificate, for wound received in the Revolutionary war; entitling him to half pay; which is hereunto annexed -- from which it appears to my satisfaction that the said Thomas Gadd served in the Revolutionary war, against the

Common enemy, on the Continental establishment, for the term therein mentioned.

S/ N. Price, Chief Judge Baltimore City Court 14th of April 1818

Maryland

Thomas Gadd

Private

Revolutionary Claim

Battle of Guilford Court House

[text missing, paper torn] of Disability -- not expressed

[text missing, paper torn]ath of [indecipherable word] Testimony, by [indecipherable word]

[text missing, paper torn]th day of July 1815

Act 30th April 1816

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United States Maryland District

I James Houston Judge of the District Court of the United States of America for the Maryland District, by Authority of an Act of Congress passed the 25th day of April 1812, entitled "an Act to revive and continue in force an Act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary War, and for other purposes," do hereby especially authorize and commission Kensey Harrison Esquire of the County of Queen Anns [sic] and District of Maryland to take all evidence pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the said Act for substantiation of the claim of Thomas Gadd of Queen Ann County in the District of Maryland, a Soldier in the Maryland Regiment, under the Command of Captain James Bruff to be placed on the pension list of the United States by reason of known wounds received in said war, while in the actual service of the United States, and in the line of his duty. And when the same shall be completed, to return the evidence, affidavits, certificates and proceedings had thereupon, together with this commission, to the Secretary of the Department of War.

Given under my hand and seal at Chester Town the 25th day of April in the year 1815

S/ James Houston

[p 21: order dated 25 April 1815, issued by Judge James Houston to Doctor John Davidge Emory and Doctor James A. [could be "K"] Harper of Queen Ann County to examine Thomas Gadd in connection with his claim for a pension.]

[p 23 is the report of the two doctors: "... we hereby certify that we have examined on oath Thomas Gadd a Soldier in the revolutionary war, who was wounded by a musket in the memorable battle of Guilford Court House on the 15th of March 1781, the citatrix [sic]¹ of which would now evidently appear on the upper part of the left parietal bone & from which wound he declares exfoliation of bone took place before it cured up. He further declares that ever since he received the wound he has been afflicted with pain and giddiness in the head from stooping down & from severe exercise, which symptoms frequently caused him to desist from his labor. He is now old, & further declares that he feels these symptoms increase with his years. We are of opinion that being in the situation he describes himself to be, he certainly must be

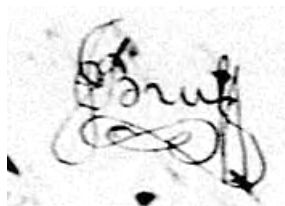
¹ *citatrix*

considerably incapacitated from gaining a maintenance for himself & family by manual labor."]

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By virtue of the annexed commission the Commissioner therein named is authorized to take on oath or affirmation the testimony of persons offering to establish the claim of Thomas Gadd of Queen Ann County in the State of Maryland to be placed on the pension list of the United States. The said commissioner on the 11th day of July in the year 1815 did take the following depositions to wit: James Bruff² aged about 59 years being 1st duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that during the revolutionary war he was a Captain of a company belonging to the second Maryland Regiment in the service of the United States and that he was then and is at present well acquainted with Thomas Gadd of Queen Anns County in the State of Maryland who was a private in his company in said war. That at the battle of Guilford Court house in the year 1781 he recollects that the said Thomas Gadd received a wound on his head while under his command and in the line of his duty and this deponent further saith that the said Thomas Gadd to the best of his knowledge served as a good and faithful soldier to the end of said war. Taken and subscribed the day and year above mentioned.

S/ J. Bruff

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Bruff". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and difficult to decipher.

Test:

S/ Kensey Harrison

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The deposition of Joseph Nabb³ of Queen Anns County of the State of Maryland aged about 58 years who being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he was a Fifer in the second line of the Maryland Regiment in the revolutionary war in the service of the United States and that he hath been acquainted with Thomas Gadd of said County from a boy to the present time. That he well recollects that the said Thomas Gadd was a private in the company commanded by Captain James Bruff in the said Regiment and that at the battle of Guilford court House in the state of North Carolina the said Thomas Gadd received a wound on his head while in the service of the United States and in the actual line of his duty of which this deponent have often heard him complain for many years past. This deponent further states that the said Thomas Gadd served from the time he was enlisted or drafted until the end of the revolutionary war and that he has lived and resided in Queen Anns County from the time of his discharge to the present time and his employment is that of [indecipherable word, looks like "center"] of Land and further this deponent saith not. Taken & subscribed the day & year

² FPA BLWt235-300 no papers Land warrant issued Nov. 21, 1791. Letters in the file indicate that he was pensioned as an invalid from August 17, 1807 at \$240 per annum under the March 3, 1803 Act of Congress (these papers were destroyed in the 1814 fire in Washington); his widow Henrietta was pensioned October 25, 1820 by the State of Maryland.

³ Bounty Land Warrant Record Card Warrant #11563 [no prefix and no papers—just a one page cover sheet indicating that land warrant 11563 for 100 acres was issued September 12, 1799 to Asahel Phelps assignee—presumably the assignee of the veteran.]

aforesaid.
S/ Kensey Harrison

S/ Joseph Nabb, X his mark

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In pursuance of the Authority vested in me by the annexed commission, I do hereby certify, that I did on the 23rd day of August in the year 1810 examine Joseph Nabb, a witness brought before me, which said Joseph Nabb being first sworn on the holy Evangelist did depose and say, that he was a Soldier in Captain Perry Benson's company of the Second Maryland Regiment, that he well knows Thomas Gadd, and that he has a perfect recollection of the said Gadd, having received a wound at the battle of Guilford, in his head, by a Musket ball, and that in consequence of said wound, the said Gadd was sometimes absent from the Army, but that he returned again to the Army, in which he continued to serve as a good and faithful soldier, until the Army was disbanded.

And Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the day and date above written.

S/ William Chambers

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In pursuance of the authority vested in me by the annexed commission I Perry E. Noel having examined Thomas Gad [sic] the person therein named and other persons well acquainted with him do report and find that the said Thomas Gad was a revolutionary Soldier during the greater part of that war and at the ever memorable Battle of Guilford received a severe wound in his head, which fractured his Skull and brought his life into imminent danger, from the effect of which his head is so much effected when heated by any kind of severe exertion that he is immediately obliged to desist therefrom and seek repose. This utterly prevents him from exerting that manual labor so necessary for the support of himself and young family.

Queen Anns County to wit

On the 31st day of August in the year 1810 came to Perry E. Noel before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace the County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the above is a correct report to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn before

S/ Ed. Clayton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 14th, 1818, for service as a private in the Maryland Continental line.]