

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Thomas S289

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West Tennessee

Stephen Thomas, private in the Army U. States

Formerly inscribed on the roll of North Carolina at \$3.75 per month: increased by Law of 24 April, 1816, to \$6 per month, – and transferred to the roll of West Tennessee on 13 January 1818 from the 4 September 1817

Certificate issued 20th July 1820 and sent to himself at Palmyra, Henry County, Tennessee

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State of North Carolina Salisbury District

This Day Stephen Thomas appeared Before us the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly to make such Allowances to Invalids of said District as we might think sufficient and he the said Stephen Thomas having Produced to us sufficient Certificates when and where he was wounded and disabled –

We do hereby Certify that we think the said Stephen Thomas an Invalid in fact he having his thigh Broke at the Battle of Eutaw on the 8th of September 1781, and has very much disabled him said Thomas – he says he is 22 years of age Belonged to the 2nd North Carolina Battalion commanded by Colonel John Armstrong, it appears to us that he is so much Disabled that it renders him unable to Make a Livelihood, therefore think him Entitled to Thirty Shillings per month. Certified by us at Salisbury this 19th day of September 1787

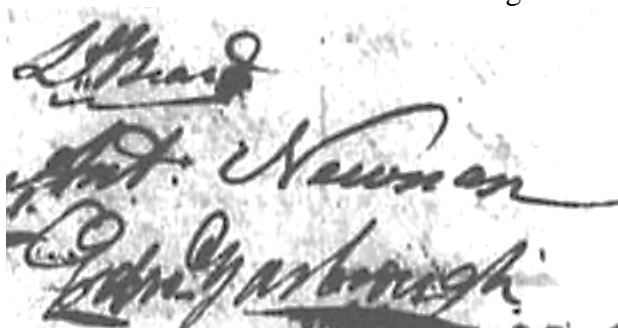
Registered in Comptrollers Office December 12, 1787

S/ Francis Child, Compt.

S/ L. Beard

S/ Ant. Newnan

S/ Edw. Yarbrough



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A certificate of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Corps or Company in which he served as from a Physician or Surgeon in the Military Hospital is wanted before this Certificate can be admitted and in that Certificate must be set forth his disability and that he was so disabled while

in the Service of the United States

10th December 1787

S/ Francis Child, Comptr.

September 24 1793 this day Paid

Steven Thomas Sixty

[Other text appears on this document but has been written over and thus made difficult to read. Part of that text, however, can be discerned and is signed by Lt. Col. John Armstrong. Armstrong signed the certificate in Edgecombe County, NC and states that the veteran served in the 2nd NC Battalion at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, that he received a wound in the thigh which disabled him from military duty. Armstrong's certificate is dated Dec. 11, 1787.]

The document is a handwritten record with several columns of text. On the left side, there is a vertical note: "The list of individuals as of 16-1785". The main body of text is organized into columns. The top section contains a general instruction: "A Certificate from the Commanding Officer... of the Regiment, Corps or Company in which he served... is wanted before this Certificate can be admitted... in that Certificate must set forth his disability and that he was so disabled while in the Service of the United States". Below this, there are several entries, each starting with a date and a name. One prominent entry is dated "10th Decem. 1787" and mentions "Francis Child Comptr.". Another entry is dated "Sept. 24 1793" and mentions "Steven Thomas". A third entry is dated "Sept. 27 1790" and mentions "John Armstrong". The text is written in cursive and is somewhat difficult to read due to the handwriting and the way the document has been folded or bound.

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State of Tennessee, or Montgomery County

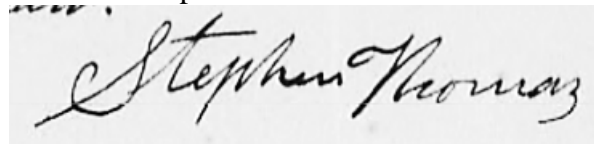
Be it known that Stephen Thomas who being duly sworn before me William E. Williams one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and State, Deposeth and saith that he is the same Stephen Thomas who was placed on the pension list of the United States on account of a wound and disabilities received while doing his duty as a soldier in the

revolutionary war, at the battle of the Eutaw Springs¹ in South Carolina, in September, 1781, that he served in Captain Anthony Sharp's [Anthony Sharpe's] Company Commanded by Colonel John Armstrong No. of Regiment not recollected; that he was a resident of North Carolina and County of Richmond, and in the year 1796 he this deponent removed to the State of Tennessee and County of Montgomery where he hath resided ever since; and further this deponent maketh oath that he hath not at any time received from the department of war a pension certificate; notwithstanding on the 13th day of January 1818, this deponent was transferred from the war roll of North Carolina to that of Tennessee to take effect from the fourth of September 1817 as he was informed from Washington City and the said Stephen Thomas is entitled to six dollars per month, and have received the same up to the fifth of March 1819 from the pension agent of Tennessee, and no more although two applications have been made since the fifth of March 1819. Therefore a pension certificate is prayed for to be sent to this deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed the 24th day of June 1820 before me.

Wm. E. Williams, JP

S/ Stephen Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of Tennessee, Montgomery County

This day Stephen Thomas personally came before me (the undersigned Justice) and made oath on the holy evangelist of almighty God deposeth and saith that he the said Stephen Thomas is an invalid of the United States occasioned by a musket ball that broke his thigh in the battle at the Eutaws on the eighth of September 1781, and that he then belonged to the second Battalion of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel John Armstrong and that after the war he resided in Richmond County North Carolina until sometime in the year 1796 when he the said Stephen Thomas emigrated to the State of Tennessee and settled in the County of Montgomery where he has made his residence ever since. This deponent further maketh oath that it is his intention to reside permanently in the State of Tennessee and County of Montgomery.

S/ Stephen Thomas

Sworn to and subscribed before me William E. Williams one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the State of Tennessee and County of Montgomery this 12th day of August 1817.

S/ William E. Williams, JP

[This file contains 3 letters in the handwriting of Stephen Thomas addressed to the pension office seeking his pension.]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html