

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Jackson: S31166

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*[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]*

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State of Louisiana, East Feliciana Parish

On this 4th day of November 1832 personally before me, Thomas W. Scott, Parish Judge of the Parish & State aforesaid, appeared Thomas Jackson, a resident of the Parish & State aforesaid, aged seventy six years next May, who being first sworn according to the law doth, on his oath, make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 - to wit:

That he entered the service of the United States about the beginning of the War, the date not exactly remembered [29 Sep 1775 – St. Marks Parish, SC], under Captain Matthew Singleton, in the regiment of militia commanded by Col. [Richard Arthur] Richardson, the Lieutenant of the company was \_\_\_ Ensign John Singleton, son of Captain Singleton. Deponent then resided on the High Hills of Santee, Wateree River, in Sumpter District [*Sumter District*], South Carolina. The Regiment of Colonel Richardson was at that time engaged in the pursuit of the Tories - Deponent was a volunteer in said Regiment, and at the time of entering the service as such, was about sixteen years of age. [1775 minus birth in 1757 equals age 18]

In two or three months after deponent entered, the Company of Captain Singleton and one other company was detached from the Regiment and sent to Charleston in charge of the Tories who had then been captured. Deponent was then discharged until further orders, went home and remained a short time whence he was again ordered into service and marched to Charleston, when the port of that place was blockaded by the British Tories. Saw the assault by the British vessels on Sullivan's Island [The Battle of Sullivan's Island – June 1776], was under arms, but not engaged in the affair. A short time after, deponent was again discharged until further orders, went home & remained for some time when he was again called out and transferred to the Company of Captain William Duke [*William Dukes*] who was under the immediate command of General Francis Marion.

From that time until the end of the war, deponent was engaged irregularly in the service, being frequently discharged until further orders. Deponent was engaged at the taking of Georgetown by Marion [Georgetown was captured by Marion in early June 1781], was encamped at Wadboo [Plantation] on the Ashley River and at [The Battle of] Quinby Bridge [on July 18 1871] & at various other places.

Deponent has no documentary evidence of his service. He never had any written discharge but annexes the deposition of Billington Taylor, the only other person within his

knowledge in this part of the country, who knows any thing of his service.

Given to & subscribed before us this 4th day of November 1832. T. W. Scott, Parish Judge. Signed: Thos. Jackson



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State of Louisiana, Parish of East Feliciana } Before me, Thomas W. Scott, Parish Judge of the parish aforesaid, personally appeared Billington Taylor<sup>1</sup> of the parish aforesaid, who being sworn according to law deposes and says that, after having heard the foregoing statement of Thomas Jackson, and he knows of his own personal knowledge that the *principal* part of the same is true as therein stated and he believes the whole statement to be true. He was the associate of said Jackson during a part of the time mentioned in the declaration. Sworn and subscribed before me this 7th Nov. 1832. T.W. Scott } Billington (his mark) Taylor

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The following Questions were proposed by me, Thomas W. Scott, Parish Judge of the parish aforesaid to Thomas Jackson.

1. Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Virginia but do not recollect the year.

2. Question. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it at?

Answer. I have a record of my age. It is at home and have not got it with me.

3. Question. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived on the High Hills of Santee, State of South Carolina, when called into service. From the State of South Carolina I moved to the State of Kentucky. From the State of Kentucky I moved to the State of Tennessee. From the State of Tennessee I moved to the State of Mississippi, Wilkinson County and from there I moved to the State of Louisiana, Parish of East Feliciana, where I now live.

4. Question. How were you called into the service? Were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was a volunteer and was never a substitute.

5. Question. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, each Continental and Militia Regiment you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I do not recollect the names of the Regular Officers except General Green [*Nathanael Greene*] who came through the neighborhood of the Hills of Santee and left parcels of ammunition in the neighborhood and I was one of the guards who guarded the same. I do not recollect the names of any of the Continental Regiments. I served in Colonel Richardson's Regiment of Militia under Captain Matthew Singleton and was with General Marion for a short time after the attack of Sullivan's Island until the end of the war.

6. Question. Did you receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what became of it?

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<sup>1</sup> [Billington Taylor S31410](#)

Answer. I do not recollect of ever receiving a written discharge.

7. Question. State the names of persons to whom you *are known in your present neighborhood* and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Billington Taylor of the Parish of East Feliciana is the only person in the neighborhood that I know who can testify of my service as a Soldier of the Revolution. I am well known in the neighborhood to the following persons to wit: Thomas W. Scott, Parish Judge of the Parish of East Feliciana, Samuel Cobb, Esq. and Major [Reddin?] Brown of said parish and many others who can testify to my character and veracity.

*S/ Thos. Jackson*

Sworn and subscribed before me this 7th day of November 1832 T. W. Scott, Parish Judge }  
Signed Thos Jackson

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*Third District Court parish of East Feliciana: State of Louisiana*

*On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Court aforesaid, Thomas Jackson, a resident of the Parish and State aforesaid, who did then and there make this amended declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.*

*That he has had the declaration which he made before the Honorable Thomas W Scott on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 1832 carefully read to him this day, and now in open court swears that the same is correct, as well as he now remembers. He says that it is impossible for him to recollect the exact time he served – but he feels confident that he served for two years, and he thinks near three years, but he is not certain. He says that his active service was before the siege of Charleston [May 12, 1780]. He says that he was then called a minute man, ever ready for service, and always acted against the Tories, except when he marched to Charleston, as he has set out in his former declaration. That it is impossible for him to say by whom he was called out – but whenever the alarm of Tories was given he marched, and never was discharge, or permitted to go home until the Tories were routed, and the alarm ceased or ended. He says he never served in any capacity but a private soldier, and that service he performed faithfully. He says he rendered all his services from attachment to the cause more than for the sake of pay. He says he never acted with the regular troops, but was always a minute man, and never received two months pay.*

*Subscribed & Sworn to in Open Court November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1833*

*S/ L. Hardesty, Clerk*

*S/ Thos. Jackson*

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*State of Louisiana Parish of East Feliciana*

*Be it known, that on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1853 Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the Parish and State aforesaid personally appeared Chesley Jackson Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Jackson deceased, a resident of said Parish and State, and made oath according to law that Thomas Jackson deceased was the identical private in the Army of the revolution whose name under act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 has been placed on the department Pension roll at the rate of Eighty Dollars per annum. That he Chesley Jackson is*

*credibly informed that the said Pension may and ought to be increased from its commencement and during its continuance; that he Chesley Jackson is directly interested as claimant in said Increase, and makes this affidavit to be filed with such additional evidence as my Agents may use in prosecuting said claim, countermand being and revoking all powers of attorney and authority heretofore given, I hereby make constitute and appoint Messrs. John M. & B. D. Roberts of the town of Clinton and State of Louisiana my true and lawful attorneys to prosecute the claim of Thomas Jackson deceased for any amount of Revolution Pension or Increase of Pension, that may be due; and for the purpose of establishing additional services, by the soldier for whose military duty in the revolution the aforesaid Pension was granted; I hereby authorize my said attorneys to apply for and obtain from State archives or other sources certified proofs of such service. To examine all papers or documents in relation to said service, on file in the department at Washington City or elsewhere; to file additional evidence or arguments and to receive for my benefit the certificate for Increase which may be issued in satisfaction of said claim, which certificate I wish made payable to the Pension Agency of this state. Hereby certifying and confirming all that my said attorneys may do lawfully in the premises.*  
*This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853*

*S/ Chesley Jackson, X his mark*

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State of Louisiana Parish of East Feliciana}

It is hereby certified that satisfactory evidence has been established before me clerk of the court of the Seventh Judicial District that Thomas Jackson *was a revolutionary pensioner* at the rate of Eighty Dollars *per annum* and that he died on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November Eighteen Hundred and Forty Four leaving surviving the following named children and none other to wit: Chesley Jackson, Charlotte Dees, Temperance Wilkinson, Elsafin Jackson, Eliza Andrews & Elizabeth Ferguson, all major heirs and having no widow at his death it is farther certified that John Morgan before whom the preceding affidavit and power of attorney were made and acknowledged, was at the time of so doing a duly authorized Justice of the Peace in and for said parish and that the signature *purporting* to be his, I believe to be genuine; and further that in the *written* claim for Increase of Pension, I am in no degree interested.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office

This 16th day of June AD 1853.

Signed: D. L. Beauchamp, Clerk

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*The State of Louisiana Parish of East Feliciana: Seventh District Court*

*I hereby Certify that from the records of this Court and from my personal knowledge said Chesley Jackson was regularly appointed administrator of the Estate of his Father Thomas Jackson deceased, who was at the time of his Death a Pensioner under the laws of the United States.*

*Given under my hand and seal of said Court this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853 at Clinton Louisiana*

*S/ D. L. Beauchamp*

*Clerk*

[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 militia.]