

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Thurman S31414

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County Court Sct. November Term 1820

On the 13th day of November 1820 being Court day, personally appeared in open Court Charles Thurman of said County aged about 62 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & 1st of May 1820. That the said Charles enlisted on the ___day of February 1777 for and during the war against Great Britain in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Elisha White, and was removed to Captain John Davenport's Company and from thence to Captain John Fleming's Company in Colonel George Gipson's [George Gibson's] Regiment in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until General Washington moved with his forces towards Little York, and he marched with Washington to Little York under a Colonel Dabney – that he continued faithfully in the service of the United States until the end of the war – and was honorably discharged at Little York in the month of April 1783.

That he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & the siege of York [September – October 19, 1781], Cornwallis' defeat; that he has no evidence of a written character, in his possession or power to prove his services, that it can be proved by persons now living.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever.

He states that he is [a] laborer, that from age & infirmity and particularly from and irruption he is incapable of working but little, that his family consist of himself & two children the eldest a daughter the younger a daughter also aged about five years.

[the above certified December 8, 1840 by the clerk of the Cumberland County Kentucky court as a true copy of documents in their records .]

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Charles Thurman of Cumberland County in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental

line of the Army of the Revolution in the year 1777 – for and during the war and continued in its service until its Termination, at which period I was a private in Colonel Fleet's Company in the 14th Regiment of the Virginia Line commanded by Colonel George Gibson – and I also declare that I afterwards received a Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March in the year 1828 on the Pension list of the United States.

S/ Charles Thurman, X his mark

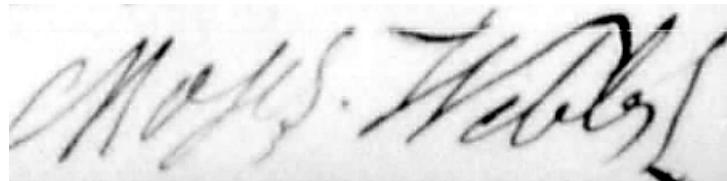
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State of Kentucky Cumberland County

Moses Webb late a private of the Army of the Revolution now a resident in the County and State aforesaid those does state that in the year 1777 he became acquainted with Charles Thurman of the County aforesaid (whose declaration has been as he is informed forwarded to the Treasury Department under the aforesaid act of Congress) and that he said Thurman then belonged to the __ Virginia Regiment of the Continental line commanded by Colonel George Gibson he saw him and knew him to be in actual service in said Regiment and did belong to the Continental line and would further state that according to the best of his recollection knowledge information and belief the said Thurman served during the war that being the term for which he was enlisted as this affiant was then informed and believed.

January 16th 1829

S/ Moses Webb

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Moses Webb".

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I John Thurman of the County of Cumberland in State of Kentucky do state on oath that in the year 1777 Charles Thurman now of the County and State aforesaid enlisted as a private in the Army of the Revolution and served as such in the __ Virginia Regiment of the Continental line for and during the war, said Regiment was commanded as well as I recollect by Colonel George Gibson, his enlistment was first for three years and afterwards during the war as well as I now recollect.

S/ John Thurman

January 16th, 1829

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Thurman".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1832, for six years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Charles Thurman S31414

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 29 March 2022.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct/

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Charles Thurman of the County aforesaid, aged about Seventy years who made Oath upon the Holy evangelist of Almighty GOD, to the following fact To wit

That he the said Charles Thurman did enlist for and during the war & did serve till its termination, or near its Close and was discharged in the year 1783 he enlisted in the City of Richmond Virginia he served near four years in the Continental establishment of the Virginia line, that he served under Capt. Jack or John Fleming & Colo. Geo. Gipson Captains Davenport & Brown & Colo. Chs. Dabney [Charles Dabney R13624] – that all his written proof of his services are lost or destroyed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this day by the said Charles Thurman this 11th day of Sept. 1830
Charles hisXmark Thurman

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky }
County of Cumberland } [26 Aug 1833]

I Charles Thurman aged 74 years, do uon oath testify & declare that I entered the service of the United States on the ___ day of February I the year 1775, for the term of three years and that I served in the company commanded by Captain White in the regiment No 2 commanded by Col. Charles Dabney of the Virginia state line I then re-enlisted in the Company commanded by Captain Fleming in the regiment No 14 commanded by Col. Gibson of the Continental line & was appointed sergeant in the year 1777 in which capacity I served until the close of the war & was honorably discharged from the said regiment No. 14.

I was in the battle of Brandywine & of Germantown, & of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] & at the seige of York.

I further declare that I never have received a warrant for the Bounty land promised to me on the part of the State of Virginia, nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever, therefore

Know all men by these presents, that I, Charles Thurman aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint W. A. Todd of Frankfort Ky. to be my true & lawful attorney [the rest not transcribed]

Charles hisXmark Thurman

I John Thurman aged 82 years do upon oath declare that I have long been acquainted with Charles Thurman, who has subscribed the above declar[part missing from bottom of page] and further, I do believe that he did perform the military service therein stated. John R. Thurman