

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thomas S31416

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State of Kentucky County of Owen: Sct.

Be it known that on this 16th day of August 1833 personally appeared before N. W. Bacon a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Sarah Thomas widow and relic of John Thomas deceased who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following statement viz.:

That she is a resident of the said County of Owen in the State of Kentucky and is now 63 years of age. That her deceased husband John Thomas was a resident of Owen County Kentucky at the time of his death which event took place on the 27th day of June last past: that at the time of his death he was 71 years of age. She states that her said husband was a soldier of the revolution and lived during that war in Orange County Virginia. That as she has been informed by him and others and verily believes he entered the service of the United States about the year 1778 upon a tour of twelve months in the company of Captain Garland Burley [Garland Burnley] and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Taylor, whether this service was under an enlistment or as a volunteer, or under a draft she cannot say.

She also further states that according to her information as received from her said husband and others he afterwards entered the service as a drafted militia man in the company of Captain Benjamin Johnston of Orange County Virginia and served therein for three months, that being the length of his engagement.

She also states that afterwards as she is informed by what she has heard her said husband say together with others, he again entered the service as a drafted militia man for a term of three months and served accordingly in the company of Benjamin Johnson [sic] the same man who was his Captain in the preceding tour. She further states that the whole of his service as above named were rendered during the revolutionary war and that they amount in the aggregate to eighteen months service the whole of which she verily believes was performed by her said deceased husband as a private soldier and that during his lifetime he never received a pension from the Government nor is his name on the Pension roll of any State. She states that she claims as his widow the amount of pension which would have been due him up to the time of his death under the Act of June 7th 1832.

Subscribed & Sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Sarah Thomas, X her mark

The deposition of Franky Woolfolk taken at the house of Richard Vallandingham in Owen County Kentucky on the 30 day of January 1834 who being duly sworn according to law doth upon her oath make the following statement – that is to say that she resides in Owen County Kentucky at the house of Richard Vallandingham and is now 73 years of age. She states that she

is the sister of John Thomas deceased who died in Owen County Kentucky on the 27th day of June 1833 and whose widow Sarah Thomas now lives in the said County and is about making application to the War Department of the United States for an allowance on account of the Revolutionary Services of the said John Thomas. She further states that the said John Thomas at the time of his death was upwards of 71 years of age and that during the Revolutionary War he together with this deponent resided with their father and Orange County Virginia. She states that she was older than the said John Thomas and she will well remembers that he did serve several tours of duty during the revolutionary war though she has forgotten the names of his officers and she also has forgotten the number of tours and their particular length and the date precisely when he entered upon them but she does know that during said war he did not serve less than 18 months and she is confident that this service was performed between the beginning of the year 1778 and the taking of Cornwallis in the fall of the year 1781. She states that his widow the said Sarah Thomas is very poor, and infirm and dependent on the tenants due to her from the government on account of the services of her husband is much needed by her and this deponent is convinced that he served faithfully.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Thomas" followed by a date "1800" and possibly "Goth". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran's widow was awarded the pension due her deceased husband at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending June 27, 1833 when he died; the pension amount was based upon his service for one-year and six months service as a private in the Virginia service.]