

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philemon Thomas S31417

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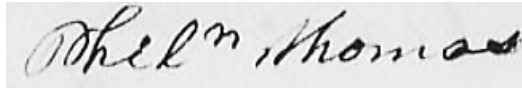
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The Statement of General Philemon Thomas¹ of Louisiana & now resident in the City of Washington made for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of the 7th of June 1832 – that he was born in the County of Orange, State of Virginia February 9, 1763 (& is of course in his 71st year of his age), that he is on the Pension Roll of no State nor on that of the United States, & relinquishes all rights except under the act aforesaid. He states that he served in the revolution as follows, viz. He volunteered in the fall of 1778 for five months under the command of Colonel Archibald Lytle (but he served one month over the term viz., he served on this occasion) six months & was honorably discharged. He then volunteered for six months under Captain John Craig and faithfully served out the said term & was honorably discharged. This was in the fall and winter of 1779 & 1780. A part of his last six months the company was guarding the Commissioners who ran the boundary line between Virginia and North Carolina – that in the Summer of 1780 he entered the Militia Service of the United [States] as quarter master for a term of three months under Colonel Malmady [Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy)] & was at the close of three months honorably discharged. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was our commander in chief & our march upon the heels of Lord Cornwallis, he states that during this tour he was in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. That during the winter 1780 or early in the Spring 1781 he entered into the service of the United States for 12 months in the company of Captain ~~Rayford~~^{Raiford} [Robert Raiford] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dixon [Henry Dixon, a.k.a. Hal Dixon], was orderly Sergeant all the time & was honorably discharged – that he was discharged early in 1782 – when he was appointed an Ensign by the Governor Martin of North Carolina under Captain Isaac Bledsoe & Regiment or Battalion commanded by Colonel James Robinson – that they marched to Nashville & remained on that Frontier guarding it & Commissioners & served seven months & was honorably discharged in March 1783 making in the whole service, as private 12 months, as quarter master three months, as Sergeant 12 months, as Ensign seven months total two years &

¹ THOMAS, Philemon, a Representative from Louisiana; born in Orange County, Va., February 9, 1763; attended the common schools; served in the Revolutionary War; moved to Kentucky and settled in Mason County; delegate to the convention which framed the constitution of the State of Kentucky; member of the Kentucky house of representatives 1796-1799; served in the State senate 1800-1803; moved to Louisiana in 1806 and settled on the banks of the lower Mississippi River; member of the Louisiana house of representatives; leader of an uprising against the Spanish authorities, who exercised authority over what is now Mississippi and Louisiana, and commanded the forces which captured the Spanish fort at Baton Rouge in 1810; major general of Louisiana Militia in 1814 and 1815 and served in that capacity in the War of 1812; moved to Baton Rouge, La.; elected to the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Congresses (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1835); died in Baton Rouge, La., November 18, 1847; interment in the Old American Graveyard; reinterment in the National Cemetery at Baton Rouge, La. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=T000181>

10 months besides during the intervals of those terms he was constantly engaged in short tours of Scouting parties against the Tories.

S/ Phil^m Thomas

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

Washington County [sic] District of Columbia USA

This day General Philemon Thomas member of Congress from Louisiana came before me a justice of the peace for said County & District & made oath to the above statement given under hand & seal this 12th day of [indecipherable month]² 1833.

S/ S. Burch, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$183.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 2 years in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]

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