

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Thomas S31419

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State of Kentucky Mercer County viz.: On this 14th day of March 1833 personally appeared before a Justice of the peace and Judge of the Mercer County Court Elisha Thomas aged 70 years and whose infirmities prevent his attending at court being a resident citizen of said County who having made a solemn affirmation (his being of the denomination called Believers or Shakers) according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed the seventh day of June 1832 viz. I solemnly affirm in answer to the several interrogatories directed to be put to made by the War Department, I declare that I was in the County of Chester in the State of Pennsylvania and resided in said County until the year 1777 and then removed to Hampshire County in the State of Virginia where I lived when I was called into service of my country in the revolutionary war as follows – in April 1781 I volunteered on a tour of three months in said County of Hampshire in Captain Saml Hornbacks [Samuel Hornback or Hornbeck's] company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Nevil [Joseph Neville] when we rendezvoused at Lynches Mill, and marched to Cape Capon River [sic, Cacapon River?] against the Tories where we were repulsed and I was sent an express to Colonel Calimes [sic, Calmes?] for assistance, and Colonel Morgan marched to our relief and we defeated the Tories and dispersed them – and I was honorably discharged at the end of my time, and again I immediately volunteered and Captain __Company under Colonel Calimes and marched back to Cape Capon where we marched through the country and dispersed and killed some of the Tories who we encountered and I was honorably discharged at the end of my time which was two months, and again about the last of August I volunteered in Captain Thomas Neal's company and in Colonel Calimes [Regiment] for three months at Lynches Mill and we marched to Little York where I aided in capturing Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], when the combined armies of France and America acted in concert, I further state that I have named all the officers who commanded in the two first tours, – I also have a record of my age in my family Bible which is 23rd of September 1762 – I have long since lost my discharges and I have no documentary evidence of my services and I do not recollect any person by whom I can prove my services who I can't now procure except John Denney and he is now very old and childish but I can prove by Saml. Harris and Zachariah Burnit that I have many years since related my services in the revolutionary war, I further state that I am not now a pensioner of the United States or of any state and I hereby relinquish all claim to any other pension except the present and I entered the service of my country as I have stated each tour, and lived first in Pennsylvania & in Virginia where I resided until the close of the war and in the year 1787 I removed to Kentucky Mercer County where I have resided ever since. I never held any commission in the Army and I have given the names of my officers as far as I can recollect as the time I was with Colonel Calmes I was solicited as a spy and Pilot and acted under the immediate command of the Colonel as I was

acquainted with the country. Witness my hand this 14th day of March 1833

S/ Elisha Thomas

³ Elisha Thomas

[Samuel Harris and Zachariah Burnett residence of Pleasant Hill, gave a supporting affidavit in which they said they remembered the veteran and telling about his revolutionary services many years ago.]

[Samuel Turner, a clergyman, Peter Vorsis and Emley Runyon gave a standard supporting affidavit.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for eight months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]