

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Bull S32153

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State of Missouri } Ss

County of Cape Girardeau } On this twenty third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before the circuit court for the County aforesaid, Thomas Bull a resident of the township of Byrd in the County of Cape Girardeau and State of Missouri aged seventy nine years; who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the fall season of the year 1776 and served in the 12<sup>th</sup> regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers Col. \_\_\_ Wood (name I think was William) [James Wood] Col \_\_\_ Nevel [sic: James Neville], Capt. Wagoner (does not recollect his Christian name) [sic: Andrew Waggener] Lieutenant Hollowback, and Lieut Presly Nevel [sic: Presley Neville] (who was shortly raised to a higher grade after he enlisted.) He resided about forty miles south of Pittsburgh, near the monongahela, in the red stone settlement state of Virginia as then called [at present Brownsville PA], at the time he entered the service and served two years, part of the time as a private, and part as a Sergeant in said Company & regiment. The principal battles he was in, was the battle at brandy wine [Brandywine] on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777, the battle at Peola, about 26 miles from Philadelphia, on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> [sic: Paoli Massacre, 21 Sep 1777], at Germantown on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. During the time he was attached to the army he marched through the states of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, and joined the main army near Trenton New Jersey, after which he marched through part of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and at the small battle at the Iron Hill [Battle of Cooch's Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777] he had the charge of the General's waggon and did not engage in the battle.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Thos Bull

Cape Girardeau Circuit Court April Term 1833 April 20<sup>th</sup> 1833. 12<sup>th</sup> day of the Term.

Additional evidence in relation to the claim of Thomas Bull a revolutionary soldier.

Question by the court: Have you any documentary evidence or is there any living witness that you know of whose testimony you can procure as to your service.

Answer. My discharge and other papers relative to my service in the revolution was burnt by the indians at the burning of Squire Boons [sic: Squire Boone's, pension application W8374] fort on Brashear's Creek in Kentucky, in the fall season of the year 1781. I know of no one now living who knows of my services in the American revolution, except one Jacob Wheat [sic: Jacob Wheat, W6481], who resides, I have understood about sixty miles off and from my advanced age and infirmity I am unable to travel to procure his testimony and have not the means to pay the expenses of sending to get his testimony.

(signed) Thos. Bull

NOTE: On 16 Jul 1838 Thomas Bull applied to have his pension transferred to Illinois, having moved to Washington County "to be with his relations."