

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Thomas S32552

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Pleas held at the Court House of Union County on the 14th Judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana, on the first Monday of September in the year of our Lord 1833 before the Honorable Charles Hobert president Judge of said Circuit & Robert Swann & David Ogden, Esquires his Associate Judges of said County of Union.

Be it remembered that on this day, to wit, the Seventh Judicial day of the present Term of September comes the said David Thomas and makes and applies in open Court the following Declaration, to wit:

State of Indiana, Union County

On this 9th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court, Before Robert Swann and David Ogden Associate Judges of said Court now sitting, David Thomas of Harrison Township Union County State of Indiana, aged Seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service and served under General Thomas Eaton and Captain Col. Alexander Dick. That the Company officers under whom he served, their names as he now recollects were Captain Charles Allen, Captain John White, Captain Charles Davis. That in the fall of the year 1780 or 1781, in which of the years he is unable to state, he entered the service as a volunteer soldier and served as such and was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the time he was in the service. That at the time he entered the service he resided in Warren County North Carolina. That his brother William Thomas was drafted as a militia Soldier, that the applicant entered the service as a substitute for his brother William. That a company was formed in Warren County and State of North Carolina, Commanded by Captain Charles Allen and the applicant does not recollect the names of the officers except Captain Charles Allen. That he entered the service under the command of Captain Allen as aforesaid, that the company marched south to Charleston, that on the way to Charleston, the company to which applicant belonged was attached to General Eaton's division, after being so attached General Eaton marched to Charleston, the Main body of the Army did not enter Charleston, but this applicant and others entered for the purpose of drawing arms, from Charleston the Army marched up the Savannah River to Augusta and under the command of General Eaton, at Augusta the British were attempting to cross the Savannah River, that when the United States Troops came to the River the British did not make any further attempt to cross, but immediately commenced a march down the River on the opposite side from which the United States occupied. That we then marched down the River, the British crossed Briar Creek¹ and burned the bridge, they then went up the Creek crossed it again and attacked the United States

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Troops in the rear, there was something of a contest between the United States Troops and the British and this applicant was engaged in this contest, the United States troops retreated and crossed the River and marched to a place called Purysburg on the Savannah [River]. At or near Purysburg this applicant states he received a written discharge – and this applicant returned to Warren County North Carolina, he thinks he served under Captain Allen six months, that a short time after he returned to Warren County, one other Company was formed, the names of the officers this applicant does not recollect except the name of Captain John White, that he entered this Company formed as a volunteer that they marched into South Carolina, but does not recollect the names of the officers, except as aforesaid, nor the names of any of the places that he was stationed – was out three months in the aforesaid Company, received no written discharge from the last service, that he again returned to Warren County, that in a short time after he returned to Warren County, a company was formed in Mecklenburg Virginia under the Command of Captain Charles Davis, that this applicant entered the service as a volunteer of the aforesaid Company under the Command of Captain Davis at a place called Burnt Mills, that he marched in the aforesaid company to Long Bridge below Hampton Roads, that on the Burnt Mills the company to which this applicant belonged was attached to Colonel Alexander Dick's Regiment, and that at the Long Bridge he received a written discharge and returned to Warren County, that by reason of his old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but is confident that he served under Captain Allen not less than six months, that he served under Captain John White not less than three months, that he served under Captain Davis not less than three months, that his written discharges were destroyed by fire in Warren County North Carolina when his house was burnt in said County, and that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State, And thereupon the following questions were propounded by the court and the following answers made by the applicant

[1st.] Where and in what year were you born? That he was born in Dinwiddie County Virginia, as near as this applicant can recollect in the year 1761.

[2nd] Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it? He has no record of his age.

[3rd] Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? That he resided in Warren County North Carolina when he entered into the service, and that he has lived in Warren County since the revolution except for the last two years, he has resided in Harrison Township Union County & State of Indiana where he now lives.

[4th] How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute? The first six months of his services, he entered as a substitute for his brother William Thomas who was drafted as a militia soldier, the balance of his services he entered as a volunteer.

[5th] State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. That General Thomas Eaton, Colonel Alexander Dicks, Captain Charles Allen, Captain John White, and Captain Charles Davis were the names of the officers under whom this applicant served, and that the general Circumstances of his services are stated in the body of his declaration, as above recited.

[6th] Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it? That he received a discharge from Captain Charles Davis and he does not recollect from whom he received a discharge after his first six months service, and that his house was burnt some years since in Warren County North Carolina and both of his discharges

were all burnt at this time.

[7th] State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. That he is known by Benjamin Boon & John Witt residence in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That the Reverend Mr. Plummer, the only Clergyman of his acquaintance in his neighborhood is sick & unable to attend court.

S/ David Thomas, X his mark

[Benjamin Boon & John Witt gave his standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]