

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Splane S35081

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State of Mississippi Amite County: Orphan's Court of Amite County April Term 1826

Personally appeared in Open Court Thomas Splane, whose says on oath that he is sixty-nine years of age the 9th day of February next as he verily believes, that for more than thirty years past he has resided in the southern part of the State of Mississippi and the northern part of the State of Louisiana, that in the year of our Lord 1776 he enlisted as a private soldier under Lieutenant Thomas Tibbs of the Second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood, the company was commanded by Captain George Johnstone [probably Captain George Johnson]; this deponent remained in this situation for one year (the period of his enlistment) at the end of which time, he enlisted during the War under William Sanford, who had previously been the second Lieutenant of Thomas Tibbs, and was now in the Continental establishment; that he served under different company and field officers until the close of the Revolutionary War when he was honorably discharged by Colonel Samuel Hawes at Richmond in the State of Virginia; that owing to the advanced stage of this deponent he has but an indistinct recollection of the different officers who at different times commanded him, but perfectly well recollects that he was at the battle of the Great Bridge [December 9, 1775] near the town of Norfolk, which was in the commencement of his service; that he was afterwards in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and in that of Germantown [October 4, 1777]; that he was with General Wayne at the capture of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], that he was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and was commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan, that he was in Buford's defeat [May 29, 1780] in South Carolina, that he was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] where he was commanded by Colonel Feebecher [Christian Febiger], who was commanded by General Lafayette and was one of the Corps who volunteered under the orders of the General to attack the redoubt which was stormed by the Americans during the Siege.

And this deponent does likewise swear that at Buford's defeat in South Carolina he received a severe wound on the left part of his forehead which is still plainly visible and a deep gash which nearly severed his left shoulder blade which is also now plainly visible in a personal rencontre [rencontre] with one of Tarleton's light Dragoons, while he deponent in lieu of killing his adversary having killed his horse.

And this deponent does also solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me

any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed

Sworn to in Open Court 24th April 1826

S/ W. H. Dillingham, Reg. Proby.

Thomas Splane¹

Schedule of the real and personal property belonging to Thomas Splane referred to above

Real Estate	none
Cash due	\$2.00
a few head of poultry	<u>5.00</u>
	\$7.00

Thomas Splane

State of Mississippi Amite County Court, September Term 1826

Personally appeared in Open Court, Thomas Splane, who says, that in compliance with the requisitions of the war Department and for the better understanding of the subject, he amends the declaration which he made and filed in the probate Court of the County aforesaid, at the last April Term thereof, by adding thereto the following supplemental facts, that he prays may be taken and considered on oath, and as forming a part of said declaration, viz., –

That about ten years since, this affiant understood from Judge Johnson, then of the Parish of Feliciana in the State of Louisiana, that under the provisions of the law he was entitled to a pension from the General Government, which he supposes was on account of his revolutionary wounds, or the personal injuries which he received in the war of the Revolution; but this affiant had been formed a determination never to apply, while he could maintain himself without it. For several years this affiant was under the impression that it was somewhat disgraceful to apply for a pension; and it was not until lately that the persuasions [persuasions] of his friends, and his own urgent necessities urged him to the measure. – In the meantime, he has partially and sparingly subsisted himself by hiring himself to field labor, and occasionally polishing and figuring horses from the first of which he has now disabled from by Rheumatic affection [affliction] in his limbs, and at the latter business he has become defective, on account of the defection of his sight.

This deponent does also solemnly swear that in the year 1818, or 1819, he does not recollect which, he became the owner of a small mare, whose value it did not exceed \$50 which mare he retained until April 1824 when she died at second Creek. This mare he received in exchange for a small Spanish mare, and they constituted all the real and personal property, worth speaking of, even including a bed, excepting his wearing apparel, and excepting also, the amount of the Schedule mentioned in the declaration to which this is [a] Supplement, which he has owned since the 18th of March 1818 –

And this deponent does likewise Solemnly Swear that his wife who is now in her 65th or 66 year, is living with their daughter Elizabeth Wells, who resides in the Parish of St. Helena, in the State of Louisiana, and maintain themselves as well they can by their daily labor. – Owing to causes which it is very painful to think of, much less to mention, he is not now living with his family, and if it had not been for the liberality of his friends, and the kindness of a Mississippi Planter, whose pursuits in life, have made him somewhat acquainted with legal proceedings, he would not now have been able to have made even the present application.

Sworn to and Open Court September the 4th 1826

S/ Charles Davis, Deputy Clerk

(Signed), Thomas Splane

¹ I do not believe the signature is that of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the body of the application.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 5, 1826, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]