

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thomas S36827

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Indiana Circuit Court Vigo County: On this day personally came before me Jonathan Doty presiding Judge of the first Judicial Circuit for the State of Indiana William Thomas aged Sixty-five years who states on oath that he entered into the Army of the United States of America under Continental establishment in February 1776 as a private soldier in Captain Andrew Russell's Company which company was at that time I part of the 5th Virginia Regiment that he served in that capacity for the term of four years under different officers and in different regiments: that he was discharged out of the 3rd Regiment by Colonel Frebiger [Christian Febiger], that his discharged is lost; that he was in the Battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] and Jerman Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] and at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [December 26, 1776], that he was in sundry skirmishes during his term of Service against the common enemy, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for a support. Sworn to before me this 29th day of February 1820

S/ J. Doty

[On the 29th day of February 1820, in Vigo County Indiana, Alexander Chambers¹ gave testimony that William Thomas had enlisted as a private soldier in Captain Andrew Russell's company in 1776 and that to the affiant's personal knowledge served in that capacity three years.]

[On the 29th day of February 1822 in Vigo County Indiana, John Thomas gave testimony that the veteran entered the United States service as a private soldier in Captain Andrew Russell's company that he served four years at one time to his knowledge.]

State of Indiana Vigo County: SS Vigo Circuit Court April Term 1821 Second Day of Term This day personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record by the laws of the State of Indiana, William Thomas a citizen of the County & State aforesaid and took and subscribed the following oath, and schedule thereto annexed (to wit) "I William Thomas do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me

¹ FPA S32173

subscribed necessary clothing and bedding excepted."

Schedule of William Thomas applicant for pension –

One hundred and sixty acres of land for which I owe \$100.

One horse worth \$60

One two-year-old colt worth \$25

Two Cows worth \$23

Four young cattle, two of which two years old and two yearlings altogether worth \$20

And the sum of \$20 in good hands in the amount of all debts due to me –

S/ William Thomas²

Sworn to in open court this 24th of April 1821

S/ Curtis Gilbert, Clerk

We the undersigned Judges of the Vigo Circuit Court State of Indiana from the best information which we can obtain are of opinion that the property contained in the foregoing schedule is of the value of \$448.

S/ J. Doty, Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing February 29, 1820, for four years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

² the signature appears to be in the handwriting of the scribe of the document itself, consequently I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran