

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thurman S37487

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Washington County Sct. May 19th 1818

Be it Remembered that on the 19th day of May in the year of our Lord 1818 came William Thurman before me the undersigned Arthur E. Gibbins presiding Judge of the Washington County Court and being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith that in the month of February in the year 1776 he enlisted as a private soldier in the company of Captain Philip Lee of the third Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer and Lieutenant Colonel Weden [George Weedon] in the American Revolutionary War on the Continental establishment that he remained a private Soldier in the actual service of his Country for the space of two years and upwards, that the time of his enlistment having expired he received a discharge from his Officers and removing to the State of Kentucky from Virginia he thinking his discharge of no use & taking no care of it he lost it and does not believe it is now in existence; he states he was in the engagements of York Island¹; at the White Plains [October 28, 1776]; at Brandywine [September 11, 1777]; at German Town [Germantown October 4, 1777]; at Trenton [January 2, 1778]; at Princeton [January 3, 1778], he was also in several other Skirmishes; during the aforesaid Revolutionary Struggle; he states that from the fatigue and exposures he underwent during his enlistments aforesaid brought on the Rheumatic Pains; from which he has never since been well he is now in the sixty second year of his age old & Infirm; his circumstances in life are so much reduced that he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for a support. He states that this affidavit is all the evidence in his power to offer on this subject. He prays for a pension under the law of Congress of the 18th of March 1818

S/ William Thurman, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Washington County Sct

On this 28th day of May 1819 before me, the subscriber, Judge of the Washington Circuit Court for the said district, personally appeared William Thurman aged 63 years, resident in Washington County in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said William Thurman enlisted for the term of two years on the 14th of February in the year 1776 in Prince William County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Philip Lee in the Regiment commanded by

¹ This is probably a reference to the battle known as the battle of Brooklyn on August 27, 1776 or the battle of Harlem Heights on September 16, 1776.

Colonel Mercer who was supposed to be killed at York Island afterwards George Weedon in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the year 1778 when he was discharged from the service in Frederick Town State of Maryland that he was in the battles of York Island, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, that in fact he was discharged at the Valley Forge and his officers carried [indecipherable word or words] to Fredericktown and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ William L. Kelley, Judge

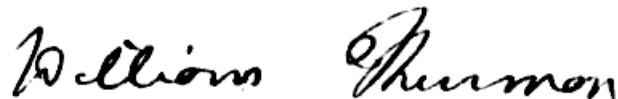
District of Kentucky Washington County: Sct/

On this 10th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record) for the said County William Thurman aged sixty-four years resident in the County of Washington, and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit that he was enlisted sometime in the month of February 1776 in Captain Philip Lee's Company and in the 3rd Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel __ Mercer, that he has been in the following battles (to wit) at York Island, White Plains, Germantown, Brandywine &c that he was discharged at Valley Forge in February 1778. That he has never received any pension, but his pension Certificate is No. 16558.

And I 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 subscribed

And I do further state that the following schedule contains an accurate statement of all my property (to wit) one mare, and two colts, two cows and two calves, 14 hogs, one old Negro woman, and about three dollars in money. His occupation is that of a farmer, that he has a wife about fifty-four years old that he has living with him his wife's father entirely helpless.

S/ William Thurman



[The above schedule of property was valued by the court at \$289.50]

[in October 13, 1823, the veteran filed another schedule listing the following property

An old Negro woman aged about 68 or 70 nearly blind	\$30
50 acres of land in the Beech Fork Hills	15
one mare	20
two cows	18
11 hogs	<u>11</u>
Owes \$10	\$91]

[The veteran died in the summer of 1824]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 13, 1823 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]