

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Thomas<sup>1</sup> S37489

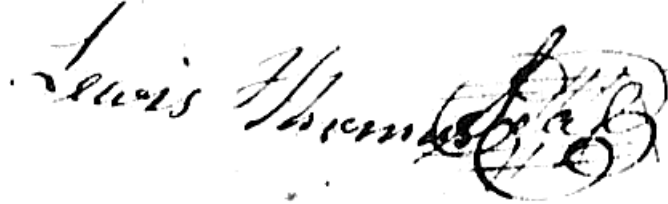
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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[f p 3: Power of attorney dated September 1, 1801 from Lewis Thomas of Washington County, Kentucky to Thomas T Davis of Mercer County, Kentucky member of Congress to obtain such warrant or warrants as he is entitled to as a Captain in the Continental Virginia line in the revolutionary war.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lewis Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

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District of Kentucky Washington Circuit

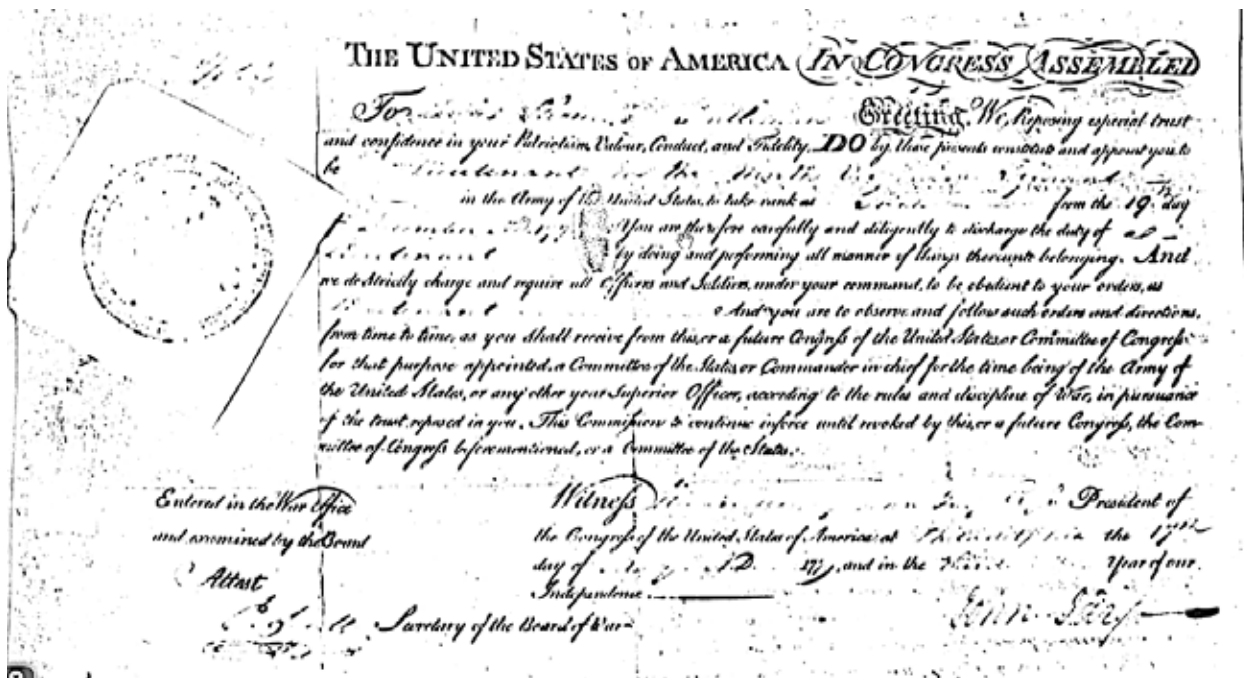
On this 4th day of November 1819, before me, the subscriber, Judge of the Washington Circuit Court for the said district, personally appeared Lewis Thomas aged 67 years, resident in Washington County in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the 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 Lewis Thomas on the 17th day of May in the year 1779 received a Lieutenant's Commission in the State of Pennsylvania in the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gipson [John Gibson] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the disbanding of the Army in 1783 when he was discharged from service in Winchester state of Virginia that he was in the battles of German Town [Germantown October 4, 1777], at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] 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, save his Commission hereto annexed.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ William L. Kelly, Judge

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt113-300



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Kentucky Washington County Set

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828, I Lewis Thomas of the state of Kentucky residing in the County of Washington do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war. And I also declare that I afterwards received (signets as they were sometimes called) (commonly called a commutation certificate) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; which some was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780.

I further state that upon the 14th day of March 1820 I was inscribed upon the pension roll of the United States as a Lieutenant to which certificate marked (A)<sup>2</sup> he refers. He further states that he acted as a Captain and received the pay as such for 18 months before the close of the war and he is not able to state at this time why he did not receive his commission as Captain. He has it not now but refers to the papers in file of the office of the War Department; he believes himself entitled to the grade of Captain and the emoluments thereof; He annexes to this also the original certificate of his oath of allegiance open marked (B)<sup>3</sup> which is all the original evidence in his possession at this time.

I further declare that I received only \$80 under said certificate of pension. I was stricken from the roll under the act of Congress passed on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ amendatory of the act granting pensions (of 1818) and that I have received nothing of the United States in pensions since the third of March 1826.

Witness my hand this 24th day of June in the year 1828

<sup>2</sup> Not copied

<sup>3</sup> Not found in this file

*Lewis Thomas*

Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
July 29, 1828

Lewis Thomas of \_\_\_ in the County of Washington in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the Re War, at which period he was a Captain in the \_\_\_ regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing ~~dollars,~~ paid to him by the agent in the State of \_\_\_

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
4<sup>th</sup> August 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to Lewis Thomas Captain in the Virginia line, amounting to twenty-four hundred dollars.

It further appears that Lewis Thomas is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1826 at the rate of \_\_\_ per month.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing November 4, 1819, for four years service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to Lewis Thomas S37489

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 19 March 2022.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia in two files.]

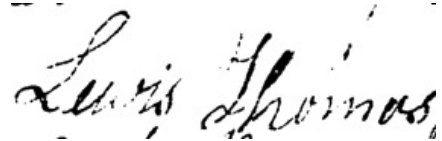
Winchester Feb'y 11<sup>th</sup> 1783

I do hereby Certify that Capt Lewis Thomas entred the the Service on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1776 & that he is now in Service Peter Muhlenberg BG [BLWt1495-850]

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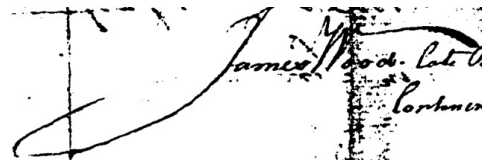
I Do herby impower David Gray to settle my my acct for the Depreciation of my pay with the Audutors at Richmond and to Receive my Land Warrant from the Register of the Land Office and Do also Certify that he is impowered to Stetle Capt James Heats[?] Acct Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> Feb'ry 1784.

Lewis Thomas  
Capt 7<sup>th</sup> V Reg't



The within Captain Lewis Thomas was appointed a Lieutenant in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1776 was afterwards Promoted to the Rank of Captain, and Continued in Actual Service of the United States until the Date of General Muhlenberg's Certificate.

Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1784.  
James Wood [BLWt2419-500] late B. Genl  
Continental Army



Commonwealth of Kentucky }  
Franklin County } to wit

This day before me Martin D Hardin a justice of the peace for said County appeared Gen'l Joseph Winlock [W3060] (late a lieutenant in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't on continental establishment) & made oath that Lewis Thomas entered the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment as a lieutenant at the time it was raised as well as this deponent recollects. The said Thomas served untill the end of the war in said Regiment as an officer & was a captain at it close. The said Regiment after the battle of Germantown was called the 9<sup>th</sup> and at the close of the war was the 7<sup>th</sup> This deponant served in said Regiment during said time. Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r 1811

M. D. Hardin