

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Thacker (Thacher) S3789

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State of Tennessee Roane County: On this 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court of Rowan County, now sitting, Benjamin Thacker a resident Citizen of the County aged about seventy-one or 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.

He was drafted or taken into service in the militia of the State of Virginia in Fluvanna County in the month of March 1778 or 1779 as near as he can recollect under Captain Daniel Tillman [Daniel Tilman], Lieutenant Daniel Lightfoot Colonel Dabney commanded the Regiment, __Armistead was the Major was marched to Richmond where General Vain [?] commanded he remained there and in that vicinity during the term for which he entered the service which was six months when he was discharged by his Lieutenant, but what has become of his discharge he does not know. He returned home and again entered the service in the same manner as on his first entrance under Captain Anthony Hazan [Anthony Haden?] the Regiment was again commanded by Colonel Dabney this was in the month of __ 1779 or 80 he was marched to the neighborhood of James town where his Regiment joined the Army under the command of General DeMarcus [Lafayette] during this term of his service the battle of James Town [September-October 1781] was fought during the battle he was on what was called wagon guard after his term of six months was expired he was discharged but this last discharge is also lost or mislaid so that he cannot now produce it, when he entered the service he resided in Fluvanna County Virginia and he still continued to reside in Virginia until about seven or eight years ago when he came to the State of Tennessee where he has resided ever since. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Benjamin Thacker, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ H. S. Purvis, D. C.

[Thomas Green and John Tuggle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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