

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Douglas S37895

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United States Georgia

Before me John MacPherson Berrien one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of the Law [undeciphered word or words] which said Courts are Courts of Record, personally came and appeared Thomas Douglas aged about fifty three years, who being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God did depose and say --

That He this deponent was born in South Carolina according to the best of his knowledge and belief in June 1756. That in the Month of July in the Year 1777, This Deponent Enlisted at Moncks Corner in the State of South Carolina in a Company of Infantry Commanded at that time by Captain Robert Lyall [sic, Robert Lyle of the 3rd SC Regiment] and afterwards by Captain Joseph Warley which company belonged to the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina line on the Continental establishment; commanded by Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] -- That this deponent enlisted as a drummer in said Company, and that the term of his enlistment was for and during the war. That the deponent continued to serve in the said company as a drummer until the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], when he was taken prisoner -- and having attempted to escape, was retaken & confined on board a prison ship in Charleston harbor. That after some months the deponent succeeded in making his escape and got to Virginia -- That he returned to South Carolina -- and his own Regiment not having been exchanged, he joined a Regiment of Light cavalry commanded by Colonel Mayham [sic, Hezekiah Maham] with whom he served for twelve months -- at the expiration of which time the Regiment to which he belonged having been discharged, he received notice from Captain Warley to join his Company, which he accordingly did, and served therein until the end of the war & was dismissed in Charleston.

This Deponent moreover saith that he is a citizen of the United States residing in the County of Chatham in the State of Georgia -- and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his Country for support --

This Deponent further saith that he knows Jacob Solter¹ who is now present. That he first knew him at Williams Branch in the State of South Carolina, where the Regiment to which this deponent belonged was stationed, and that the said Solter was at that time a private in Captain Boyakins' [sic, Francis Boykin's] company belonging to the same Regiment -- that this was in the year 1777 and this deponent knows that the said Solter served in the said Regiment from that time until the fall of Charleston when they were separated.

¹ [Jacob Solter \(Salter\) S38349](#)

Sworn to before me this 4th December 1818
S/ Jn. Macpherson Berrien, Judge

S/ Thomas Douglas, X his mark

[On May 8, 1821 in Chatham County, Georgia, Thomas Douglass filed another claim as required under the act of May 1, 1820, in which he states that his only property is a black mare valued at \$25; that he is a laborer but by infirmity unable to pursue that occupation and that he has no family.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 4, 1818 for service in the South Carolina Continental line for 6 years.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ² relating to Thomas Douglas	AA3
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2007A	
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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 338 Book Q dated May 12th, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Thomas Douglas this our Indented Certificate, for the Sum of Sixty-three pounds fifteen Shillings and Six Pence half penny Sterling for Continental Duty in 1780 and 1782 [last digit could be “3”] per Account Audited.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Philip Hart, Israel Joseph, Arnoldus Vanderhorst, but none by the veteran. How these men of attained an interest in the Indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name. The “SC” file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.