

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Grimsley (Grimsly) S37956

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County: SS

On this 13th day of September A.D. 1819, Thomas Grimsly aged fifty-nine years, personally appeared before me and being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the 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 ["], to wit, That he the said Thomas Grimsly enlisted in Captain Valentine Harrison's Company, Virginia Regiment in the month of September A.D. 1780; and that he continued in the service of the United States until the month of February A.D. 1782: when he was Honorably discharged at Salisbury in North Carolina. This Deponent sayeth further that when he enlisted the Regiment was commanded by a Colonel John Greene [John Green] of Culpeper County Virginia; that he was in the Battle fought at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina, at the siege of Ninety Six [May 21 – June 19, 1781], this Declarant was transferred to and did duty in the Corps of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of Virginia, where he continued until just before his discharge from the Army, and was returned to his Regiment and discharged as before sit forth. This Deponent further saith that he resides in the County of Wilkes in the State of North Carolina and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. This Deponent further saith that his discharge has been lost or destroyed.

Jacob Lyon maketh oath that he mused Thomas Grimsly before and at the time of his enlistment set forth in the above Affidavit; that he himself served in the Same Company with the said Thomas for some time after his said enlistment, and he was present when the said Thomas was honorably discharged: He was not with him during all of the Time said Thomas was in service, but he has good reason to believe that he continued in service for the time set forth in the above Affidavit, and discharged his Duty faithfully.

The above Affidavits were sworn to before me Archibald D Murphey One of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity in and for the State of North Carolina the 13th day of September A.D. 1819.

S/ A. D. Murphey

State of North Carolina Wilkes County SS

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1820 – On the 31st day of October 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County aforesaid Thomas Grimsley aged sixty-two years resident in Wilkes County in the State aforesaid who being first

duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, in the Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Green in the company commanded by Captain Valentine Harrison, and afterwards by Captain Thomas Barbee: That he served faithfully in the Regular service of the United States for eighteen months which was the term of his enlistment: – That he was at the Battle at Guilford Court House; soon after which he was attached to Colonel Henry Lee's Regiment of Cavalry, and continued therein for some time, and was at the siege of Ninety Six and in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], and was discharged at Salisbury in North Carolina. That the date of his Original declaration was the ___ day of September 1819. 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. That he has two forty-three acres of land in Wilkes County – one Negro boy named George about 18 years old, one mare about 9 years old and one cold about 6 months old, 2 cows, 2 yearlings and too young calves, 2 sows, Tenn pigs, 4 head of sheep, one plow, 2 hoes, 2 axes and one mattock, That his Occupation is farming in a small way; that he is totally blind in one eye, and nearly so in the other, and is totally incapable of supporting himself by his own labor owing to his blindness: – That his wife named Isabel is upwards of 60 years old, and is totally incapable of supporting herself by her own labor by reason of having her shoulder broke by a fall. That he has no other family except one son who will be 21 years old in June next and is free from the control of this deponent.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October Term 1820

S/ Thomas Grimsley, X his mark

S/ R. Martin, CWCC

Schedule of Property of Thomas Grimsley with the valuation and next	– to wit
243 acres land rated for the direct tax at	\$121.50
One mare and colt worth	52.00
One Negro boy George value	400.00
2 cows, 2 yearlings & 2 calves value	20.00
2 sows and 10 pigs value	3.50
4 head of sheep value	4.00
one plow, 2 hoes, 2 axes, & one mattock value	<u>3.00</u>
	\$604.00

S/ Thomas Grimsley, X his mark

Georgia Meriwether County

On this the 21st day of September 1830 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the State and County aforesaid expressly created such by the Legislatures of said State, Thomas Grimsley a resident in said County aged seventy-four, years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Thomas Grimsley enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the not recollected day

of month not recollected, in the year of 1780 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Barbey [sic] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Green in the line of the State of Virginia on the United States Continental establishment: thus he continued to serve in the said Corps until February 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Salisbury in the State of North Carolina, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the time above mentioned when he was discharged from the service in Salisbury in the State of North Carolina, that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropped on account of his properties

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 *

That since the exhibition of my first Schedule the following changes have been made in property, the property in the annexed list was appropriated principally in a difficulty which accrued with my son Littleton Grimsley with whom I live it was an assault and battery case in an affray. I thought him innocent and persecuted he was my youngest son & favorite & on his trial I attended & pleaded his cause myself I employed the Judge if he could reconcile his feeling with the Law to save my son from prison if possible by an extension of fine, by this fine and many other expenses incident to the prosecution the items of which were numerous & irregular, the place too distant having occurred in North Carolina to enable me to present them as proof and want presses hard upon me thus went my Negro boy, I sold my land for an old wagon one horse which were lost in use & in moving to Georgia and settling in a new County the Chattahoochee and were thus diminished imperceptibly [?] to the last and therefore utterly out of my power to furnish a particular account of each special disbursement and I am now nearly blind as will be represented by the Judge on an examination of my eyes which is apparent to everyone on seeing them which blindness has existed and has been still for seven years past and I am subject to a distressing deafness all which has originated from no known cause but age & infirmity & constitutional weakness of my eyes I was at the battle of Guilford and others and after the battle of Guilford I was detached into Henry Lee's Legion of light horse & after serving with him my full time as necessary was discharged by him I have no property – save one cow & calf and one yearling.

S/ Thomas Grimsley, X his mark

*A list of property when dropped from the pension list

One Negro Boy 14 years old

190 acres Barrow Pine Land

One Horse 13 years old

2 cows & 2 calves

[Facts in file: in an affidavit filed by a witness testifying as to the veterans loss of property, the witness makes reference to the sons of the veteran, Littleton Grimsley and John Grimsley. Littleton Grimsley signed the affidavit stating that the facts set forth in it are true.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 13, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]