

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Hood S38039

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District of North Carolina To Wit

On this 14 day of May A.D. 1818 - before me the Subscriber, Chairman of the Court of record for the County of Person in the said district, personally appears Thomas Hood, Sergeant Major aged 65 years Resident in the said County of Person & the aforesaid 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 of 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 Thomas Hood enlisted the 21 day of February 1776 in the State of Virginia in the County of Gloster [sic: Gloucester] in the company commanded by Captain James Ennis [James Innis] which was a company of Artillery; which company was afterward [26 Nov 1776] detached to the first Regiment of Artillery in the Virginia line, on the continental establishment, and commanded by Col. Charles Harrison; that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the Service of the United States, until 20th of July 1783, when he was discharged at Charleston S. Carolina by Capt Lewis Booker; That he was in Battles of Guinns Island [sic: Gwynn Island VA, 8-10 Jul 1776], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stony Point [15 Jul 1779], Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] & the Siege of York [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. That he is in reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of His country for support

Tho's Hood

I James Pendleton late Capt. In the first Regiment of Continental Artillery in the American Revolution, do Certify that Tho Hood late Sergeant Major of said Regiment not only served to the close of the war, but to the best of my recollection was one of the men who enlisted for the war. Given under my hand &c this 12th day July 1813.

Pendleton

I Lewis Booker late Capt. in Harrison's Regiment of artillery, do Certify that I have a clear recollection of Thomas Hoods having Inlisted in the above Reg't. and that he served therein during the war, I also have no doubt but he inlisted for the war as the whole Regiment I believe was. Given under my hand and seal this 23^d July 1813.

Booker

State of No. Carolina } On the 12th day of Septem'r 1820.
Person County } Personally appeared in open Court Thomas Hood aged sixty eight years, who first being duly sworn in open Court according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Thomas Hood enlisted on the 21st of Febry 1776, for the Term of Two years, in the artillery Company, commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison, in the line of Virginia Continental establishment & that he continued to serve during the war. That he was in the battle at Guins Island in Gloster [now Mathews] County, and the battle of monmouth, of Gates defeat near Camden, and at the taking of Lord Colo Wallace [sic] at York & recei'd Twenty three wounds and in pursuit of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the County of Person & State of No. Carolina the 18th March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift sale or in any other way disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring my self within the provision of the act to provide for certain persons ingaged in the land and navel services of the united States in the revolutionary war, passed on the 18th March 1818, that I have not nor has any person for me any property, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, Other than what is contained in this Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed-

459½ acres land very poor 25¢ pr acre	\$114.70
1 Old mare	30.—
1 negro woman 70 years of age	20.—
3 Cows & calves	25.

6 head of Hogs	12.—
11 head of Sheep	11.—
2 Beds & furniture	30.—
3 old Tables	1.50
½ doz Chairs	3.—
1 Spining wheel & cards	1.—
1 lomb (old) [loom?]	1.—
2 axes	1.25
4 old hoes	— .40
2 old ploughs	— .90
1 Set knives & forks	1.—
plaits & dishes	2.—
small quantity of wheat	3.50
small stack of Oats	2.—
old set silver Tea Spoons	3.—
Several old pots & kitchen Furniture	<u>7.70</u>
	\$270.95

I am a planter by occupation, my Family consists of my self and wife who is 54 years of age, old negro woman 70 years of age. I am very much afflicted, my wife unable to labour. I reside in the County of Person & State of NoCarolina. I have rec'd three pensions my Cer[tificat]e bares date the 14th May 1818. Subscribed and Sworn to in Open Court this 12th Septemb'r 182[0]
 sign'd Thomas Hood

At a Court of Hustings held for the City of Richmond at the City Hall on Wednesday the eleventh day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four. Thomas Hood, a resident of this city, this day appeared in open court, and being first duly sworn, made the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made for private soldiers who served in the war of the revolution for the term of nine months on the continental establishment by an act of the Congress of the United States passed on the eighteenth day of March 1818.

That he the said Thomas Hood enlisted for the term of two years on the twenty first day of February in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Innis in the regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison in the line of the state of Virginia; that he continued in the same company under Captain Doutry Arumdelys[?], a french officer who was killed at Guinns Island in an attack on Dunmore; that he remained in the same company under Captain [sic] Charles Harrison when the companies were increased and formed into regiments of ten companies, and taken on continental establishment, and he was allotted to the company commanded by Captain James Pendleton in which he remained and continued to serve until June or July 1783 when he was discharged from said service on Smiths Island [sic: James Island] in the state of South Carolina; and that his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropt therefrom on account of his property.

And in pursuance of the act of Congress in addition to the before recited act, passed on the first day of May 1820, the said Thomas Hood did exhibit to the court a schedule of his whole estate and income (his necessary clothing and bedding excepted) and produced to the court, and take an oath, which schedule and oath are in these words... [the oath similar to the one in the 1820 declaration] ...nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz debts to the amount of \$179-72, a horse worth \$20 - 2 chairs worth 50 cents, an old negro woman about 75 years of age and 150 acres of land for which he has offered to take 1 shilling per acre, and could not obtain it. The said Thomas Hood further maketh oath, that his occupation has heretofore been that of a Farmer, but that from his great age and infirmity, he is no longer able to prosecute it; that his family consists of his wife aged about 56 years and an old negro woman slave about 75 years of age; that his wife from her age and infirmities can render but little, if any, aid in procuring for him & herself a subsistence; that since the rendering of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property.

Property in first schedule	Names of persons to whom sold	Time of sale	Amount of money or description of property received in return
3 Cows, one died, one went off, and one was sold to	Lewis Ramsay	in January 1824	Paid for by transporting him to Richmond
11 sheep; 7 were killed & eat, and four disposed of as the above cow			
1 Mare	To Haywood Jones	same time	\$8 & a counterpane not yet paid
309½ acres of land	William Browne 100 acres, John Garret 209½	December 1823	\$136 in cash & applied to his debts & \$179 due him next December
Tea kettle & some plates & saucers, all of which are broken			

Richm'd May 16th 1824

I knew Serjeant Major Hood from the beginning of 1781 untill he was discharged I think by myself on James Island South Carolina in 1783, he belonged originally to Pendletons company, Harrisons Regim't of artillery, but when the fragments of companies were united served the two last campaigns in Singletons [Anthony Singleton's] company of which I was a first Lieutenant, and acted as Serjeant Major of the Park of artillery composed of the Broken regiments of Virginia Maryland and Pennsylvania, from the officers of the various regiment who knew him before I did I always heard that he was a gallant and faithful soldier, he maintained that character during the two campaigns that I knew him personally if there is any mistake in his affidavit attached to his Schedule I am sure it has proceeded from defect of memory. it corresponds in every respect with what I have heard of him he was with Singleton & Gains [sic: William Fleming Gaines] at the defeat of Gates, who I have often heard speak of him in very high terms of praise, of his gallantry and good conduct, he is now upwards of seventy years of age, infirm, from that cause and from wounds which I have understood he received at the Battle of Camden - and is certainly a fit object of the bounty of his country. Major Gibbon informs me he knew him in Pendletons company, at Stony point and he and Mr Scott of the executive council who has interested himself in behalf of the worn out veteran, have made unavailing efforts to procure the Schedule of his property [illegible word], in N Carolina in his case there are peculiar circumstances and it his hoped that his former Schedule will be dispensed with Francis Brooke

NOTE:

A Feb. 1779 payroll for Capt. Nathaniel Burwell's company in the 1st Artillery Regiment lists Thomas Hood as Sergeant Major.

The complete file contains another deposition made in Person County on 12 Sep 1820 that is substantially identical to the one made on the same day and transcribed above, except that the number of wounds is said to be 22.