

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Merryman S38203

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State of Virginia Cumberland County to wit:

On the 22nd day of January 1827 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County aforesaid Thomas Merryman Senior resident in the County aforesaid aged sixty-five 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 laws of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first May 1820. That the said Thomas Merryman Senior was a noncommissioned officer in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war in the Continental establishment. That he enlisted at Williamsburg under Captain George Nicholas, a few months before the declaration of Independence; that he went into service under Captain George Nicholas and belonged to his company, and was attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood under General Woodford [William Woodford].

That he enlisted for the Term of three years, that he remained in service for and during the said Term of three years. That he was discharged from service at Camp Ramapo [Camp Ramapo] in the Jerseys and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the first of May 1820, the said Thomas Merryman Senior personally appeared in said Court and took the following oath, to wit: "I Thomas Merryman Senior 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, to wit: one feather bed, four chairs, one table and pine cupboard.

S/Thomas Merryman, X his mark

Which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War

Sworn to and declared on the 22nd day of January 1827 before the justices of the court of Cumberland.

Powhatan County to wit & State of Virginia Sc.

This day Peter Deane personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he knows Thomas Merryman Senior and has known him for many years, that he knew the said Merryman whilst he the said Merryman was in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, on the Continental Establishment. That the said Merryman was a noncommissioned officer in the Company of Captain George Nicholas, 2nd

Virginia Regiment to which company he said Deane belonged. That the said Thomas Merryman Senior remained in the service of the United States for and during the Term of 3 years. That the said Merryman was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and Germantown [October 4, 1777]. Given under my hand as Justice of the peace aforesaid, this the 11th day of January in the year of our Lord 1827.

S/ John C Porter.

State of Virginia Cumberland County to wit

This day Thomas Merryman Senior who is an applicant for a pension came before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath in common form of law that in the year of 1818 since the 18th of March of said year he was the owner of four Negro children two boys & two girls & some household and kitchen furniture he then living as an overseer that in and about the year of 1822 he was compelled to make sale of two of the aforesaid Negroes to a certain James Allen to raise money to release his said Merryman's property from the hands of the then acting Sheriff of County & that shortly thereafter in the year of 1823 he was compelled to sell the two remaining Negro children to discharge a debt he owed and for the sure pavement of which he had given a trust deed upon the property this last sale was made to a certain Benjamin Hobson of Powhatan County that he the said Thomas Merryman thereafter became the owner of a wagon & team and after driving the road several years was compelled to make sale of them to said Benjamin Hobson to whom said Merryman was justly indebted for value received & that sometime in 1826 he sold to William Land of said County the remnant of his property consisting of household & kitchen furniture this last sale with the one certified by Charles P Bondurant the Constable leaves him the said Thomas Merryman without any more the state to give account of to the War Department or anybody else.

S/ Samuel Hobson, JP
3rd August 1827

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 3rd, 1827, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 7-page file

Virginia Cumberland County to wit

This day Thomas Merryman Senior personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid and made oath that he was a soldier in the revolutionary war that he enlisted for three years on the Continental establishment under Captain George Nicholas at Williamsburg in the year 1776 and that he served out the three years and received an Honorable discharge at camp Ramepo [Ramapo] in the Jerseys as well as this affiant now remembers, that he marched from Williamsburg to the north and was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. That he was attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Alexander Spotswood Colonel – and that there is no one now living by whom he can prove his service and discharge aforesaid known to this affiant. That his discharge is lost or mislaid and that he has never received his Land bounty. Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of September in the year 1833

S/ Samuel Hobson, JP

[Peter Deane's affidavit given in 1827 in Powhatan County is repeated in this file]