

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Plunket S38309

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State of Virginia – Sc.

On this 13th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court for the State of Virginia personally came Thomas Plunket aged about 70 years resident in the County of Rockbridge in the State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain a pension from the United States. That he the said Thomas Plunket enlisted in the Army of the United States in the State of Virginia in the year 1780 & was put into the company commanded by Captain Thomas Bell, who belonged to the __ Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford] that he remained in said service until the expiration of the Term aforesaid when he was regularly discharged in Salisbury State of North Carolina by Captain Coward that he is in reduced circumstances, is aged & infirm and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – Sworn to before me the date above mentioned.

S/ Arch: Stuart [Judge]

Rockbridge County St.

On this 7th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court Thomas Plunket being a Court of Record for the said County of Rockbridge aged seventy-one years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the Regiment of Colonel Bluford under the command of Captain Thomas Bell and others of the Virginia line on Continental establishment General Gates [Horatio Gates] and afterwards General Green [Nathanael Greene] Commanding that he made his original declaration on or about the 13th of April 1818 that he obtained a Certificate in pursuance thereof and has received his pension up to the 4th of March 1820 his pension Certificate bears date the 2nd day of July 1819 and is numbered 12 586, and I the said Thomas Plunket 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 and that I am too old and infirm to pursue any occupation being deprived of the use of one of my hands that I have no person residing with me but my wife who is likewise old and unable in any great degree to contribute to my support. Sworn to and declared on the 7th day of June 1820

S/ Thomas Plunket, X his mark

Schedule of property belonging to Thomas Plunket made in conformity with the foregoing declaration

1 Lot of ground in the County of Rockbridge, one mile from the Town of Lexington containing between three and four acres, there is a small log-House on it in which I reside the ground being used as a pasture lot, – some necessary Household furniture of no great value such as is common for people in my situation.

S/ Thomas Plunket, X his mark

[the house and lot was valued by the court at \$400 and the yearly rent at \$40. The court indicated that the personal property was of "inconsiderable amount"]

Virginia Rockbridge County to wit

On this 31st day of March 1823 Thomas Plunkit [sic] personally appeared in open court for said County being a court of record, being a resident of said County aged about seventy-four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of 18th of March 1818 the first of May 1820 and first of March 1823 that he the said Thomas Plunket Enlisted for the term of 18 months on or about 1 day of August 1780 in the State of Virginia in the company Commanded by Captain Thomas Bell and afterwards transferred to Captain Andrew Wallace [Andrew Wallace] and afterwards to others during the revolutionary War in the South, Colonel Bluford Commanded the Regiment to which this affiant belonged in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental Establishment – that he continued to serve in said Regiment until the end of his Enlistment being 18 months that he served in General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Infantry and received a regular discharge which he gave to the person to whom he sold his pay at the conclusion of the war that he was discharged in Salisbury in the State of North Carolina & 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 no change has been made in my property, I have a wife about 68 years of age and no other family living with me on the whom I can depend for support I am entirely Disabled in my left arm very infirm so much so that I have not been able to work for several years, I was in nearly all the memorable Battles in the South during the revolution and never was in the hospital but age and infirmity nearly produced by Exposure in the war has now rendered me unfit for service of any kind.

Schedule of my Property what is the same as heretofore exhibited

A small piece of ground not exceeding 4 acres with a small House their own where myself and my wife reside some household furniture to wit 6 chairs 2 ovens and a small pot and table some cups & saucers few knives and forks and some other small articles of minor value.

S/ Thomas Plunket, X his mark

[the court valued the property of the veteran at \$200.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 13, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]