

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Thomas S38433

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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District of West Tennessee

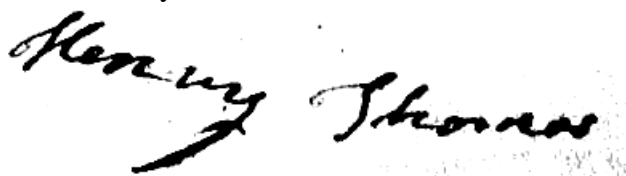
On this 26th of May 1818 Henry Thomas a citizen of Smith County in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his service in the Army of the United States during the revolutionary war, and after being duly sworn according to law, deposed and said that in the year 1777 he enlisted in the service of the United States as a soldier in Captain Neal's company and served in that company nearly one year, Neal resigned and he was transferred to Captain Uriah Springer's¹ Company, that he first served in the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson and afterwards in the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Richard Campbell and served until the 1st day of March 1780 when he was discharged at Fort Pitt, and produced his discharge, which is herewith enclosed, he further made oath that the said discharge is the same which he then received.

That he is old and very infirm, very poor and unable to labor being severely afflicted [with] the rheumatism, that he has no pension from the United States or any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ Henry Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Thomas". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Washington County: to wit

Captain Lewis Thomas living on Hardin's Creek in said County aged sixty-six years, who served as a Lieutenant in the 13th Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel John Gibson in the revolutionary War, came before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Washington and made oath

That he said Lewis Thomas as Lieutenant and Captain Neal's Company in the year 1777, enlisted his Brother Henry Thomas as a private in said company for the term of three years. That his said Brother served in said War, his full time and received his discharge from Colonel Richard Campbell of the said Virginia line which was then reduced to the ninth Regiment and that his said Brother Henry Thomas was a private under Captain Uriah Springer when discharged. Given under my hand this 16th day of May 1818 and the 26th of the

¹ [Uriah Springer R10017](#)

Commonwealth.

S/ Jno. Lancaster, JPWC

District of West Tennessee SS

On this 20th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the County of Sumner and State aforesaid aged Court of record for the said County, Henry Thomas aged 63 years 17th February next resident in said County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted with Lieutenant Thomas of Colonel Neal's Company in the year 1777 which Company was attached to the 13th Virginia Regiment of Infantry but when discharged was reduced to the ninth Virginia Regiment and then belonged to Captain Uriah Springer's Company of Colonel John Gibson's Regiment, and was discharged by Colonel Richard Campbell and that he served as a soldier three years, that on the 26th of May 1818, he made declaration of the foregoing facts before the honorable John McNairy district Judge for the district of West Tennessee, in consequence of which he received a Certificate from the war Department bearing date the 26th day of May 1818 and has since received by virtue of said Certificate of the pay master to payments which amounted to \$169.50.

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

Schedule

one mare said to be between 16 or 17 years old, one cow & calf, one two year old heifer, 11 young hogs (say shoats), four head of sheep, one old shovel plow, two pots, two ovens one without a lid or legs – one ax, one iron wedge, one saw, one drawing knife, one spike gunblet [?], one set of knives & forks, one old pewter dish & plates, one small earthen dish & a few earthen plates, one pair of old chairs traces, one weeding hoe, one small skillet, one flat iron –

I am by occupation a farmer, but not able to pursue it with advantage being afflicted with Rheumatism, my family consists of my wife aged 61 years who is very infirm and sickly one son about 18 or 19 years old who is with me occasionally but is generally from home working for himself and one daughter about twenty-one years old who lives with me, but manages & labors for herself and her own interest altogether.

S/ Henry Thomas

Henry Thomas a Soldier of Capt. Uriah Springers Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment who was enlisted to serve the Term of Three years in the Continental Army and has served out his Time as a good and faithful Soldier and is now entitled to his Discharge and is hereby Discharged accordingly –

Given under my hand this first day of March at Fort Pitt 1780

Richard Campbell Lt Colo

of the 9th Virginia Regiment

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[[Facts in file: On August 28, 1827 in Calloway County Kentucky, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from Virginia to Kentucky stating that he had lately removed to Kentucky where he intends to remain so that he and his wife County of with their youngest son who resides in Kentucky; veteran died January six, 1838.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per annum commencing May 26, 1818, for four years service as a private in the Virginia line.]

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Addendum to Henry Thomas S38433

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 17 March 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Do Certify Henry Thomas entred the service the eleventh Feb'ry 1777 in the Virginia Continental line to serve the term of three years and served his time as a good and faithfull Soldier and was Discharged at the end of his time by Col John Gibson at Fort pitt

Given Under my hand this 24th March 1780.

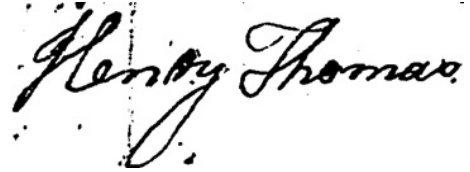
Lewis Thomas late

Capt 7th Virg'a Reg't

Countersigned James Wood B.G.

(Copy) Cha. Jones Clk

Sir/ please to Settle my acc't and receive my land Warrant.
Mr David Gray

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Thomas". The ink is dark and the signature is written on a light-colored background.