

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Thomas S38435

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Charles City county State of Virginia to wit

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1818 before us Justices of the Peace and judges of the county court of the county aforesaid, personally appears William Thomas aged sixty three years resident in the county of Charles City State of Virginia, who being by us first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by a 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 William Thomas enlisted into the service of the united States in January in the year 1778 in the county of Charles City in the State of Virginia and was marched to the Valley Forge under Lieut. Holeman Minnis where he joined the company commanded by Capt Carrol Minnis of the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said corps until the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1779 when he was discharg'd from service at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey. That he afterwards enlisted for 1[?] months and served under General Peter Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] as one of his family and was discharged from service in Shenandoah county State of Virginia. That he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and at the siege of Little York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of said service except the accompanying affidavits – his discharge having long since been placed beyond his reach.

Ch's City County State of Virginia to wit

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1821 personally appeared before us justices of the peace and judges of the County Court of Ch's City William Thomas aged sixty five years resident in the County of Chs City and State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the U States during the revolutionary war. That he enlisted into the service of the U. States at Chs City Courthouse in the Spring of the year 1777 and was marched to Williamsburg, a place of general rendezvous, where he remained untill March 1778 when he marched to the Valley Forge under Lt Holman Minnis. on reaching the Valley Forge he entered the company commanded by Capt Carohill Minnis [Callohill Minnis] under the command of Col Richard Parker of the first Virginia regiment on continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps untill the Spring of the year 1779 when he was discharged from service at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey. That he was in the battle of Monmouth while in said service. That afterwards just prior to the siege of York he again enlisted for the period of eighteen months in County of Ch's City and was marched to Chesterfield Courthouse where he entered the company commanded by Capt Joseph Scott where he remained for about 3 weeks and was then taken into the family of General Mulenburgh with whom he remained until the Christmas after the siege of York when he was discharged from service in the County Shenandoah in the State of Virginia. That during this his last period of enlistment he was in the seige of York where he remained during the whole siege. And that he has no other evidence of his said services other than that heretofore forwarded to the War department. That he has rec'd heretofore a pension certificate from the Gov'r dated the 12 June 1819 and numbered 11.713. And in pursuance of th the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the U States on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the U

States during the revolutionary war, pass'd on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and that I have not nor has any one 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 viz. 1 Horse 5 Cows, 2 yearlings 3 calves, 2 feather beds, 2 pine tables, one setting chair, 1 gun, 8 pewter plates 3 dishes 4 basons 3 earthen plates 2 tin pans, 1 coffee pot half dozen cups & saucers 1 Iron pot, 1 dutch oven 1 spider 4 jugs 6 Iron Spoons half Dozen knives & forks 1 pine chest 1 flat Iron 3 stone pots 4 Bottles 2 pint pots 1 wine glass 1 tumbler ditto 1 tray & sifter, 1 Razor & shaving box, 1 plow & gear, 2 harrow teeth, 2 axes, 6 hoes 4 chisels, 2 plains 5 bee hives 1 tumbrel cart, 3 Iron wedges, drawing knife & face[?], 2 pails 2 piggins, 1 churn, 3 barrels, 10 hogs, 13 shoats and 8 dunghill fowl. and \$1 due me That he is by profession a farmer living on a piece of rented land that his family consists of himself a woman aged about forty two or three and a girl thirteen years old

Wm X Thomas

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: William Thomas/ age 21/ height 5' 7"/ planter/ born and residing in Charles City County/ black hair/ black eyes/ yellow complexion/ enlisted 22 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

In the 1820 federal census of Charles City County William Thomas, Sr. is recorded as head of a household of three "free colored persons."