

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Thomas S38436

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Amherst County to wit

On this 22nd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court James Thomas aged sixty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820.

That he the said Thomas enlisted for the term of three years about the year 1778 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Kendall [perhaps Curtis Kendall] (who succeeded Captain Morris) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Ball in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps for the term of three years when his term of service expired and he was discharged in the State of New Jersey at a place called Morris Town [Morristown]. That he was in the battle of Monmouth Court House [June 28, 1778] besides some minor engagements and that he has no evidence of said service in his power except –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 – And the said Thomas declares he is an overseer. That he is unable from his age and infirmity to derive a support from his vocation That his family now with him consists of a wife & seven children – That his wife is of the age of 46 and so much afflicted with the Rheumatism as to be unable at all to contribute to the support of the family. That of his Children for one daughter Cynthia aged 14 years, Nancy 12, Patsy nine & Salina 6 or 7 years & three sons, Larkin aged 4 years, William 3 years & Henry 2 years all of whom are unable in any great degree to contribute to their own or the support of their parents –

Schedule of property owned by James Thomas the declarant

– Nothing

S/ James Thomas



[Note: a note in the file indicates that the veteran's name was found on the muster rolls of the Virginia line.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing August 22, 1820, for three years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]