

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Thomas S38437

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State of Virginia to wit

At a monthly court held for the County of Orange at the Courthouse on Monday the 27th of April, 1818

Joseph Thomas, aged sixty-one years and a resident of the County of Madison appeared in court this 27th day of April 1818 and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension may be by the 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 Joseph Thomas enlisted in the spring of the year 1776 in the second Virginia Continental Regiment in the company commanded by Captain Francis Taylor of the said State, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the spring 1778, when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania; and he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

And Francis Cowherd¹ of this County, who at the time stated above was a commissioned officer in said Regiment, being also sworn and declared, that the said Joseph Thomas enlisted and served as stated in his declaration above. Whereupon it was ordered to be certified that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said Joseph Thomas did serve in the revolutionary War against the common enemy; and that a copy of the said declaration and proof be transmitted to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned act of Congress.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the record, I Reynolds Chapman clerk of the County Court of said County have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord 1818, and of the Commonwealth the 42nd.

S/ Reynolds Chapman

District of Virginia SS Madison County July court 1820

On this 27th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said District and County, according to the Constitution and laws of Virginia Joseph Thomas aged 68 years, resident in Madison 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, Second Regiment company commanded by Captain Francis Taylor on the Continental line, and that the date of his original declaration is 27th of April 1818, and the number of his pension certificate

¹ FPA W6721

1819². And solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed

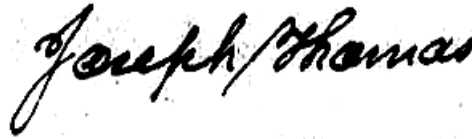
Schedule of Real and personal Estate of Joseph Thomas

Land 00 Horses – Cattle – Slaves No income at all

S/ Joseph Thomas

The occupation of the declarant was that of a mill right [millwright], but at present unable to follow it from infirmity. His wife named Catharine aged twenty-two years two children, the first three years old, the second one year and six months.

S/ Joseph Thomas



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing April 27, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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