

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Thomas S38440

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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At a Court of monthly Session held for King William County at the Courthouse on Monday the 22nd of February 1819

George Thomas a resident of this County, aged sixty-one years, this day came into Court, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of 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 George Thomas enlisted for the term of two years on the __day of February 1776 in King William County in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Holt Richeson [Holt Richardson] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel McClanahan, in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until February 1778, when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge, State of Pennsylvania, by General Woodford, that he was in the battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] and German Town [Germantown, October four, 1777], 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 his said services –

And thereupon the Court doth order that the said Declaration be certified to the Secretary of the Department of war pursuant to the aforesaid act of Congress –

And the Court doth certify that it appears to their satisfaction that the said George Thomas did serve in the Revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of nine months at one time, on the Continental establishment; and that he needs the assistance of his Country for support –
[certified by Robert Pollard, clerk of court]

King William County Virginia –

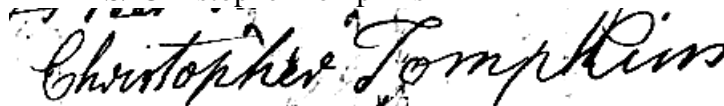
Know all men by these presents that I do hereby certify and make known, that George Thomas of said County and State aforesaid enlisted in the Continental service during the Revolutionary War under the command of Captain Holt Richeson [Holt Richardson], a recruiting Officer at that time, and about the year 1776. And served his time agreeably to his enlistment, and came home with a discharge signed by William Woodford, Brigadier General at the Camp Valley Forge; and I do moreover Certify that he has been an industrious and sober man, and that he deservedly stands in need of his Country's Assistance and I do further certify that I have been acquainted

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with the said George Thomas from his childhood; that he was always and still is very poor as was his reputed Father before him, the latter having been confined to his bed four more than twenty years, and supported by the parish of said County, and benevolence of the neighbors during the above mentioned period.

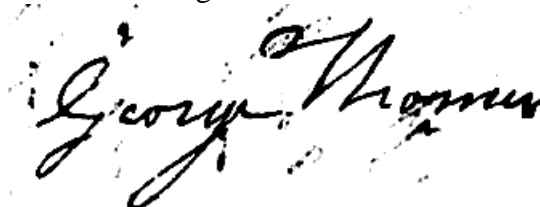
Given under my hand at Fleet Street this 20th of February 1819

S/ Christopher Tompkins

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

It is my wish that the warrant sent to me to enable me to get the money for my pension been closed in a paper directed to Colonel Christopher Tompkins King William County State of Virginia near Aylett's Warehouse

S/ George Thomas

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

District of Virginia SS

On this 28th day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of King William, George Thomas, aged sixty-two years, a resident in the County of King William 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; In the seventh Virginia Regiment in the company commanded by Captain Holt Richardson and afterwards by Captain Reuben Lipscomb on the Continental establishment and his original [declaration] was made on the 25th day of May 1818 – The number of his pension certificate is "12588" – 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 – That his real estate is eight acres of land and a small house – that his personal estate is as follows (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) one horse, one sow and four pigs – that he is a farmer by occupation, but possesses but little ability to pursue it. That his family consist of a wife 64 years of age unable to support herself and daughter Nancy 30 years of age, who contributes to her own support; and that he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Two old beds, two iron pots, one loom, six flag chairs. George Thomas

Sworn to and declared on the 28th day of August 1820 before the County Court of King William.

S/ Jno Hill, Presiding Justice of the Court

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing May 25, 1818, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to George Thomas S38440

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 16 March 2022.

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

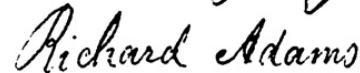
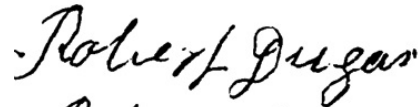
We the undersigned to hereby certify that George Thomas of the County of King William enlisted under Captain Holt Richeson as a Continental Soldier in the 7th Virginia Regiment and Continued to serve in the said Regiment for the term of three years

given under my hand this 28th day of October 1811

Anderson Claybrook [VAS3022]

Robert Dugar [S39465 & VAS3434]

Richard Adams



I do hereby certify that George Thomas the bearer hereof was a Soldier in my Company of militia in the year 1776 and about the month of February in that year he inlisted under Holt Richeson, A recruiting officer in the Continental service and faithfully serve his time and escaped the fate of many of our brave Countrymen on the 11th September at brandywine and the 4th of October at Germantown, in the year 1777 and after faithfully serving his time out he returned home with his generals discharge in due form Given under my hand this 30 day of October at Fleet Street, King William County 1811

Christopher Tompkins [R2636]



City of Richmond towit

George Thomas personally appeared before me and made oath that he enlisted under Capt Holt Richardson of the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, about the month of February 1776, for the term of three years, which term he faithfully served, & obtained his discharge which he believes he sent to this City many years ago to obtain his pay a depreciation. He also declares that James Blake [VAS2523] & Edward Shepard [VAS4429] were soldiers in the same Company, enlisted at the same time, & as he believes for the same term of three years. That former had his leg broke in the battle of German Town and died of said wound in about three weeks after, as this affiant was informed by a person of said Company and that the latter also died in the said service as this affiant has heard & believes.

Sworn to before me an alderman for said City this 6th day of Nov. 1811 Robert McKim