

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Parsons S38990

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State of Tennessee Anderson County: On this 13th day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Quorum Court of said County and presiding Judge or Justice of said Court personally appeared Thomas Parsons aged sixty two years resident in the County of Anderson aforesaid who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made 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 Thomas Parsons enlisted in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain George Rice of the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan for three years that he continued to serve the United States against the common enemy until the expiration of said three years and was then discharged in the State of New Jersey that he was in the battle at Iron Hill [September 3, 1777; a/k/a Battle of Cooch's Bridge, DE] at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] at the Battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777] at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and several skirmishes that he has lost his discharge, that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit hereto annexed that he never has been a pensioner and does hereby relinquish all claim to a former pensions provided for.  
Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Parsons



State of Tennessee Anderson County: On this 13th day of July 1818 also appeared Edward Wyatt a citizen of said County of Anderson aforesaid and made oath that he was a neighbor of Thomas Parsons who signed the preceding declaration when he enlisted in the Revolutionary War that he is satisfied said Thomas Parsons did serve the United States as stated by him he is not certain as to the time he entered the service but knows he entered for 3 years and served out his time and knows when he returned to his neighborhood and is entirely satisfied that the statement above made by him is just and true and that said Thomas Parsons is in reduced circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Edward Wyatt, X his mark

Schedule

State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS July Sessions 1820

On this 10th day of July 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, (having the power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a court of record by the laws of the said State) for the said County, Thomas Parsons aged sixty four years, a resident of the County of Anderson aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he served the United [States] 3 years in the Revolutionary War – That he enlisted with Captain George Rice in the 11th Virginia Regiment of Riflemen commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan – that his original declaration bears date the 30th of July 1818. This [sic, That?] his pension Certificate is of No. 5307

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

50 acres of land of the value of \$75.

That he has a scanty allowance of household furniture belonging to his daughters – That he has a wife aged 73 years and unable to labor. That he has 2 children living with him to wit Pheby aged 28 years and Rebeckah aged 24 years both single and able to labor. That from age and infirmity he is unable to labor himself –

Sworn to in Open Court 11th of July 1820

Signed Thomas Parsons

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 15, 1826; his widow died 1838; in 1852 the veteran's grandson, Thomas Hale [Halle or Hall?], was living in Delray, Anderson County, Tennessee and stated that his mother was still living but did not give her name.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 13, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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

I do hereby Certify that the Bearer Thomas Parsons  
Enlisted with me in the 11th Virginia Regiment  
Commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan as a Private  
for the term of 3 years which Term  
he Served faithfully and honestly.

S/ Geo. Rice [George Rice]  
Late Captain in the above  
mentioned Regiment

May 30th 1783

I do hereby Certify that the above Thomas Pomeroy  
Indis to wit the me in the Eleventh Virginia Regt  
Commanded by Capt Daniel Morgan as a private  
for the Term of the next year which Term  
he served faithfully and honestly

Geo Rice  
Lieut Colonel in the above  
mentioned Regt

May 30th 1783.