

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Thomas S39105

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Virginia

At a Court of Quarter Sessions held for Louisa County on Monday the 8th day of June 1818. --

This day Charles Thomas a resident of the County of Louisa, aged sixty-six years, came into Court and on Oath made the following declaration, to wit, That he enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Andrew Hemphill¹ in the first Regiment, commanded by Colonel Richardson [Richard Richardson, (his given name I do not recollect) in the South Carolina line on Continental establishment, that he served from the first day of January 1776 being the time he enlisted two he was discharged being a period of 18 months, when he was honorably discharged by a discharge which he has lost, that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence within his power to offer. The Court further order it to be certified that from their own knowledge and information of others, that they considered the applicant to be in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of the Country for his support.

I John Poindexter Clerk of the County Court of Louisa County do hereby certify that the above is a true copy from the records --

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and calls the public seal of said County Court to be affixed this 22nd day of June 1818.

S/ John Poindexter

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held for Louisa County on Tuesday the 14th of November 1820.

District of Virginia to wit:

On this 14th day of November 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of record, for the County of Louisa Charles Thomas aged between 68 and 69 years resident in the County of Louisa, in the State of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law -- doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he enlisted in Henrico County, State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Andrew Hemphill² in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richardson in the line of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he received a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th Marched 1818,

¹ J.D. Lewis lists a Captain Andrew Hemphill as a militia officer in the Fairfield Regiment of South Carolina militia. See, http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_captains.htm and search "Hemphill, Andrew."

² There is no such officer known to have served in the Virginia Continental Line

and that the number of the pension Certificate is 5917.

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

The following is a true schedule of all my estate (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) viz.: one horse 2 small hogs some old sitting chairs, one earthen dish, 2 pewter & one earthen plate 5 forks & 3 knives one saddle and bridle 1 gallon jug one Cary [?] plough & hoe two hilling hoes one pole axe one sugar dish milk pot & half dozen cups & saucers. I am a farmer by trade but owing to my age and disability am unable to follow my occupation with much prospect of a support. I have 2 children namely William & Nancy -- the former is about 10 years of age and the latter is about 5, that I have no other family residing with me nor have I any other income.

S/ Charles Thomas, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed this 14th day of November 1820 before Fred Harris, James Michie, Redmond Terrell and Arthur Clayton Justices of the peace in the County Court of Louisa now sitting -- which said Court is a Court of record

[Facts in file: veteran died December 17, 1832, place not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 8, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]