

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Revolutionary War Pension Declaration of William Thacker S39107

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### Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 County of Washington Tennessee on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1831 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Washington aforesaid of the State of Tennessee Wm Thacker resident in said County age of ninety one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said William enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the (blank) day of (blank) in the year (blank) in the state of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Sanzorn [?]<sup>1</sup> in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia second Regiment on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until the close of the war when he was discharged from the service in Eutaw Springs in the State of North Carolina [*sic, South Carolina*] but he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except the services aforesaid and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that being ignorant of the way of obtaining a pension and being willing to labor as long as he was able but because of his great age is now unable to labor wishes to obtain a pension and in pursuance of the act of May 8120 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident 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 dispose of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval forces 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 persons 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 one cow and bull two year old calves, a mare one sow seven pigs and five shoats thirty one acres of broken land and no changes have been made in my property since 18 March 1818 except such as were necessary for immediate support sworn to and subscribed before the justices of the court of pleas and quarter session for the County of Washington State of Tennessee in open court.

I James Sevier Clerk of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Washington and State of Tennessee do hereby certify that it appears to the *satisfac[tion]* of the Court that the said William Thacker did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the *Common Enemy* for the term of eighteen months under an engagement on the Continental Establishment I also certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of said *Court* and I do further certify that it is the Opinion of said Court that the total amount of the value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is one hundred and fifty dollars. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1831. Jas Sevier Clerk by Saml Greene D Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> This *MAY* be a reference to Capt. Lieutenant Philip Sansum (also spelled Sansom) of the Virginia Continental Line

Mr JL Edwards  
Washington Cty  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1831

Sir,

In your note to me of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst in reference to the claim of William Thacker for pension, you remark that it is not sufficient for the applicant merely to state that no changes have been made except such as were necessary for immediate support also, that “he must be particular in declaring the property sold and the value thereof”

I was present in court and aided in the making out the claim and would have specified the particular items of change, but for the reason that the [*sic, they*] consisted alone in the killing of & disposition otherwise of Stock for *immediate subsistence* and the declarant was unable to speak with certainty as to these small items *extending* to a period of same *twelve* or more years. I can say that he is my neighbor in extreme indigence and has been since my first acquaintance with him and in good faith has stated his circumstances at least as favorable as truth would justify. He is to my knowledge an object of charity rather than the *possessor of property or means* to deprive him of a pension. This being his condition to my knowledge and that being the case when the law of 1818 passed I hope you will *feel* no difficulty in allowing him the *pittance* provided for indigent soldiers of the Revolution. Respectfully your obt \_\_\_\_\_.

John Blair

PS the papers are returned for *reconsideration* JB

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State of Tennessee  
Washington County

Be it ~~subscribed~~ *remembered that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day* of November 1831 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the acting justices of the peace in and for said county William Toney<sup>2</sup> who is now a pensioner on the ~~test list of invalidity~~ *invalids* of the U States and made oath that in the Revolutionary [*war*] whilst in service [*he*] became acquainted with William Thacker who is now an applicant for pension and distinctly recollects that he is the identical William Thacker then of the Virginia line under the command of Genl. Greene but does not know the length of time for which he enlisted or how long he served and that to the knowledge of this defendant said Thacker did serve eleven months and how much longer he does not know they *being that length of time* together under Greene in the continental line.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This date above written.

his  
William (X) Toney  
mark

Attest  
Jacob Hartsell  
Justice of the Peace

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State of Tennessee Washington County

I James Sevier clerk of the court of pleas and quarter sessions for the county and state aforesaid do

<sup>2</sup> Will Graves could not find among the resources available to him that anyone by the name of “William Toney” (or any similar name or spelling he could think of) was ever a pensioner of either the US or Virginia for services in the Revolution.

hereby certify that Jacob Hartsale \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ probate was made \_\_\_\_\_ at the time and State continues to be an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and that full faith and \_\_\_\_\_ are due and ought to be given to \_\_\_\_\_ by official act as such given under my hand and seal of office at office in Jonesboro the 14th day of November 1831.

James Sevier Clerk  
By Saml Green DC

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**Will of William Thacker January 7, 1834**

**Wife, Mary. My children by my first wife get nothing since they neglected me in my old age.**

**Wit. William K. Blair,  
I. Howard**

**Probated \_\_blank\_\_.**

**Acknowledged 25 December 1835**

**Signed William (X) Thacker**

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*[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 10, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]*