

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Turner S39111

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State of South Carolina Laurens District:

By the Honorable Waddy Thompson
One of the Judges of the Court of Equity

and State aforesaid – To all to whom these presents shall come

Greeting. – Know ye that Thomas Turner resident in the District of Laurens & State aforesaid, laborer, did this day appeared & made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that he entered the Army of the United States of America in the Continental Establishment in the American establishment in the revolutionary War, in or about the year 1777 under Captain Thomas Threet [Thomas Thweatt or Thweat¹] of the fourteenth Regiment of Virginia Troops, commanded by Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford], and that he served faithfully, as a soldier until the 12th of May 1780, at which time he was discharged in Charleston in this State by General Woodford. The said Thomas swears that not knowing or anticipating a future value of his discharge, was neglectful of it, & that it is lost. He further swears that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the Aid of his Country for a Support.

S/ Thomas Turner, X his mark

To the Honorable Waddy Thompson One of the Judges
of the Court of Equity –

Know ye, that William Irby of the District of Laurens & state aforesaid do make oath by the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that for many years I have known the within named Thomas Turner, that he was attached to the same company & Regiment, commanded by Colonel Beaufort of the Continental Troops & that I served with him until I was discharged which was a considerable time. –

S/ Wm Irby²



[The above documents were attested by Waddy Thompson June 15, 1818.]

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¹ [Thomas Thweatt \(Thweat\) S7708](#)

² FPA R5492

State of South Carolina Laurens District

On this 24th day of July 1820, personally appeared in the Court of Ordinary Thomas Turner age sixty-six years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Thomas Turner enlisted for the term of three years on or about the 1st of May 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Threet [Thweatt], and afterwards by Captain Nathl Terry [Nathaniel Terry] in the 14th Virginia Regiment of Continental troops, commanded by Colonel Lewis, and on his promotion by Colonel William Davis. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until his term of service had expired, when he was discharged from the said Service in Charleston in the State of South Carolina, a few days after the surrender of Charleston to Sir Henry Clinton, and was paroled about the same time as a prisoner of War, which parole is herewith filed signed by Major Stuart. –

That during his service he was at the battles of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], and at Monmouth [June 28, 1778], besides various skirmishes. His discharge is lost, and he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services except the testimonial of Captain William Irby herewith attached.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, 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

50 acres of land third quality	150
one horse	80
five head of cattle	23
13 head of hogs	<u>40</u>
	293

S/ Thomas Turner, X his mark

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He states his profession to be that of a farmer that he has been seized with the Rheumatic pains for the past twenty years, so that he is frequently incapable of using the most feeble exertions for a support. He has only a wife in his family, whose capacity to assist the declarant is likewise feeble. The declarant further states that sometime in June 1818, he forwarded to the War Department vouchers of his having served in the Revolutionary War, & never received an answer thereto. That in June 1819, he again forwarded additional Testimonials, and has received no answer, only that Mr. Tucker the representative in Congress from this Congressional District & State aforesaid has called at the Department of War, found the papers, but that there were some informality's.

Sworn & subscribed to by the declarant.

[Attested July 25, 1820 by Waddy Thompson.]

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I William Irby of the District of Laurens & State of South Carolina do solemnly swear

that I have been acquainted with the within named declarant Thomas Turner, that he belonged to the same Regiment of Continental Troops during the revolutionary War, commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis, then by Colonel William Davis & Lieutenant Colonel Buford & that I served with him until I [could by "he"]³ was discharged.

S/ Wm Irby

Sworn to before me this sixth August 1820

S/ John Garlington, Clerk

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I DO hereby acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner of War, upon my Parole, to his Excellency Sir HENRY CLINTON, and that I am thereby engaged until I shall be exchanged, or otherwise released therefrom, to remain at my plantation in the Parish of _____ in the County of Halifax ~~Province of the Commonwealth of Virginia~~

and that I shall not in the mean Time do, or cause any Thing to be done, prejudicial to the success of His Majesty's Arms, or have Intercourse or hold Correspondence with his Enemies; and that upon a Summons from his Excellency, or other Person having Authority thereto, that I will surrender myself to him or them at such Time and Place as I shall hereafter be required. *Witness my hand this 13th day of May 1790.*

Witness *I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Parole this day signed by*
John Stewart
Commander

I do hereby acknowledge myself to be a prisoner of war, upon my parole, to his Excellency, Sir Henry Clinton, and that I am hereby engaged until I shall be exchanged, or otherwise released there from, to remain at my plantation in the Parish of __ County of Halifax & province of Virginia and that I shall not in the meantime do, calls anything to be done, prejudicial to the



