

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Word S39133

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State of South Carolina Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On the 22nd day of September 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record according to the laws of this State, and possessing the power of fine & imprisonment, Thomas Word resident of said district aged Seventy-three 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 acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 – That he the said Thomas Word enlisted for the term of 3 years on the \_\_ day of December in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Spotswood, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Willis in the Line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of 3 years, when he was discharged from the Service in Trenton in the State of New Jersey; That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: – That in the early part of his life he was able to support himself & continued so until about eight years past, when he lost the only Negro he had by death & a few years previous lost all he possessed by fire, and did not know until lately that he was entitled to a pension.—And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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, That since the 18th of March 1818 there has been no changes made in my property except the loss of a Negro and occasionally swapping horses of very little value, to whom swapped and of their value I don't now recollect.

Schedule

One old horse worth	\$50.00
one cow	10.00
19 head of hogs	20.00
household & kitchen furniture	5.00
one old saddle & bridle	<u>4.00</u>
	\$89.00

That I am a farmer by occupation but unable from age & infirmity to pursue it. I have 2 in

family myself & wife (Fanny) about 73 years of age each.

S/ Thomas Word

Sworn to ~~and subscribed~~ declared on the 22nd day of September 1829 before me

S/ David E Huger, Presiding Judge

The State of South Carolina Laurens District: Before me personally appeared Thomas Word who being duly sworn saith that he enlisted in Spotsylvania County Virginia under Thomas Fox first Lieutenant under Captain John Spotswood in 1776 rendezvoused at headquarters at Middlebrook in the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Willis and Major Nicholas, after the resignation of Colonel Willis, Colonel Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] took the command, on promotion of Stephens Colonel John Green commanded. On the resignation of Green Colonel Samuel House [Samuel Hawes] took the command of the Regiment; under whom I continued until discharged. That at the battle of Germantown the 10th Regiment being much reduced, was embodied with the 6th in which Regiment I was discharged – & that Captain John Spotswood was wounded & taken prisoner at the battle of Germantown and never again took the command while I remained in service –

Sworn to before me this 29th day of January A.D. 1830.

S/ John Garlington, Clerk Laurens District

S/ Thos Word

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Word". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 10th, 1830, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]