

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Aslin (Asselin) S39152

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State of Tennessee }

Lincoln County       }                   Circuit Court – September Term 1827

On this 19th day of September 1827 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee, being constituted a Court of Record by the laws of the State of Tennessee, and proceeding according to the course of the common law, with Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of their proceedings; Thomas Aslin (alias) Asselin, resident in said County, aged about seventy 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said Thomas Aslin, enlisted for the Term of three years, on or about the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1777 in Dinwiddie County in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. Peter Jones, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lewis in the line of the State of Virginia, on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps for two years or upwards, when he was transferred to the company commanded by Col Davis, also in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, and continued in the said company, until the battle of Charleston in 1780, when he was taken prisoner by the British Army [12 May 1780] about the period, and he believes on the very day that his term of service expired, he continued a prisoner nine days and when the N. Carolina Militia were released on parol, he passed himself as as one of them, and came out on parol with them, and thus obtained his release & that during his service he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] in which he was wounded, Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stony Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] & the siege at Charleston. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any State, except Virginia as before stated, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; that until about three or four years ago he was able to labor for his support, and determined never to make application for a pension whilst he was able to maintain himself by his own labor, that about three years ago having become frail and so debilitated by Rheumatic pains that he could not labor for his support he determined to make application for a pension, a petition was drawn which he supposes was forwarded, but why it was not granted he does not know. That he does not own a single article of property on earth, either real or personal, except a few of his working tools, viz,

two joiner planes }

Taw Rabbits       }       \$6.37½

one chisel         }

One note on an insolvent man – 16.00

which tools are old and indifferent and not worth more than \$[blank]. That his occupation when able to labor any was that of a house carpenter, that he has become old and decrepid inasmuch that he is not able to labor any for his support, that he has no family but himself, and is wholly dependant on the charity of his friends for a place at which to live and for his support, that in the year 1818 he owned his working tools and one horse, of small value, which have since been sold to assist in supporting him. He states that in the early part of his life he sometimes spelled his surname Asselin and at other times in short Aslin. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 disposed 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 person 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.

“Thomas hisXmark Aslin”