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Addendum to James Thomas S41249

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 17 March 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

At A Court held for Cumberland County the 27th day of January 1782.

James Thomas came in and made oath, that he served as a soldier in Capt Thomas Youngs company of the Western Batalian for the defence of the Western Frontiers of this state, according to an act passed May 1779. that the certificate by him produced for such service is true and was by him duly obtained, and that he has not nor no one for him has ever before proved or claimed his right to land for such service.

A Copy Test Miller Woodson Jr. D.C.

Pittsylvania County State of Va to Wit

This day James Thomas personally appeared before Stokley Turner a justice of the peace for the said County, and made Oath that he is the same James Thomas, who made Oath before the County Court Cumberland the 27th day of January 1782 That he served as a soldier in Capt Thomas Youngs Company of the western battallion for the Defence of the Western Frontiers of this state, acording to an Act passed May 1779 the Certificate by him produced for such service is true and was by him duly obtained, and that he has not, nor no one for him, has ever before proved or claimed his right to land for such survice Given under my hand this 21st day of November 1818

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Pension application of James Thomas S41249

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Easton District of Virginia Pittsylvania County SS

On this seventeenth day of July 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County of Pittsylvania, possessing jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount having the power of fining and imprisoning and keeping a record of its proceedings, James Thomas, a resident of the said County, aged sixty-six years last month, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said James Thomas enlisted on the 12th day of December 177?¹ [last digit indecipherable] for three years in the State of Virginia, and served for that period in a Company commanded by Captain James Baytop, attached to the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath [William Heth] in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment. He continued to serve in the said Corps until the __ day of __ when he was discharged from Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania. That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of Virginia, and that the following are reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension, until his creditors seized and sold his property, as is herein after mentioned, he had the means of subsisting by such exertions as his age and infirmities permitted him to use, and while these means remained he was unwilling to present himself and the humiliating attitude of a supplicant for the Charity of Government.

After his discharge from the Continental Army as aforesaid he enlisted under one Kindlie [?] and served under one Captain Thomas Young for two years on State Service, and served for that time in the Western Country under General George Rogers Clark when he was again discharged.

He was engaged in the battles of Princeton [January three, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777], and present at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], while with General Clark he was in one battle with the Indians near Chillicothe.

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 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

1776

¹ . . . The War Department, in its summary, interpreted the date as December 12, 1776.

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

I have no property of any description except about twenty-five pounds of gunpowder, four hogs and twelve shoats worth in all about \$20. My family consists of myself aged sixty-six years and upwards, my wife aged sixty-two years last November, and son aged twenty-eight years and entirely blind, a daughter aged twenty-two, and a son aged twenty-two years this July, my Occupation is farming but age and occasional attacks of Rheumatism has in a great measure disabled may from pursuing it.

S/ James Thomas²

Since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property [attached is a schedule of property valued at a total of \$407.36 ³/₄ all of which is shown as being sold 'under Trust Sept. 1825.']

[f p 9: Power of attorney dated February 22, 1855 given by Jesse Thomas at Danville in Virginia in which she states that he is the son of James Thomas, deceased, of the County of Pennsylvania and Virginia. He signed the document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing July 21st, 1826 for three years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

² the signature of the handwriting is the same as the handwriting of the entire document. Consequently, I do not believe that it is the actual signature of the veteran.