

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thomas S42040

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United States – North Carolina District

John Thomas, of the County of Craven & District aforesaid, declare on oath; -- That on or about the third day of March 1777, he was enlisted as a Drummer by Major Levi Dawson & put under the command of Captain Charles Stuart [Charles Stewart], of the fifth Regiment of the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the war of the Revolution. He enlisted in the County of Craven aforesaid, marched to Halifax, in the District aforesaid, joined the troops there as they came from Charleston & marched with them northwardly, through Petersburg, Georgetown (where he was stationed a short time), Baltimore & Philadelphia, to the Valley Forge, where he went into winter quarters.

In the Spring following he marched to the North River, where he remained some considerable time; sometimes marching & sometimes stationed – thence he was marched to the White Plains – back again to the North River & thence to Paramus in New Jersey, where he took winter quarters – He afterwards marched to Charleston (South Carolina) and was there taken prisoner at the capture of that city by the enemy [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. While stationed at Charleston & before its captured by the British, Deponent obtained his regular discharge, from Colonel John Patton, the Colonel of the second Regiment and then volunteered his services for three months in the Militia. He obtained a parole of honor from the British commander & returned home. Deponent served the full term of three years as Drummer in the regular Army, against the common enemy as aforesaid, under the same Captain, but were shifted to the second Regiment. His discharge, obtained as aforesaid, was destroyed in a storm, by getting wet, and was dated on or about the end of three years after his said enlistment. Deponent was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Stony Point [July 16, 1779] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; & at the Siege & fall of Charleston. He is very needy & from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for Support.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

S/ John Thomas, X his mark

United States – North Carolina District

James Jones,<sup>1</sup> of the County of Carteret & District aforesaid, maketh oath – That he is well acquainted with John Thomas, the Applicant for pension now present. He first became acquainted with him in the regular Army of the United States in the year 1777, while they were

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1 Very probably the James Jones who filed in US District Court for his pension on April 29, 1818. [James Jones S41700](#)

both marching from North Carolina to the northward. The said John Thomas was then serving as a Drummer in the fifth Regiment under Captain Stuart, of the North Carolina lines in the Continental establishment, in the war of the Revolution. Deponent & said Thomas served in said line together, from the time of their first acquaintance aforesaid, till deponent was discharged, in 1780. The said Thomas was in the battles of Brandywine, Stony Point & Monmouth, to the knowledge of this deponent, & served faithfully as he believes, against the common enemy in the line aforesaid, as Drummer aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

S/ James Jones, /= his mark

2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment

John Thomas private 3 March 1777 War

5<sup>th</sup> Regiment

John Thomas muster 1777 War private December 1777

10<sup>th</sup> Regiment

John Thomas private 10<sup>th</sup> November 78, 9 months

The above are true abstracts taken from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary War.

Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1818.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

State of North Carolina, Craven County

Before me John F. Smith one of the Justices of the Peace of Craven County, Personally appeared Isaac Perkins<sup>2</sup> and James Jones and made oath that they were soldiers of the second North Carolina Regiment in the Continental line in the War of the Revolution, that John Thomas, now of Craven County and citizen of the United States, was a private Soldier in the Company of Captain Charles Stewart, and the Second North Carolina Regiment of the Continental line and said John Thomas to the knowledge of these deponents served in said Regiment, more than three years, was with deponents at the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and was taken prisoner at Charleston – deponents also say that John Thomas is now near 60 years of age, feeble in body, and in very reduced circumstances and greatly needs the assistance of his Country.

S/ Jno. F. Smith, JP

S/ Isaac Perkins, X his mark

S/ James Jones, /= his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 29, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]