

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Ingham (Ingham) S4419

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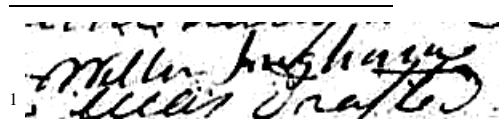
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[Transcribers note: The handwriting and spelling of the scribe of the following application is particularly challenging; therefore, the following transcript should be used with more than the normal caution as to possible misinterpretations. Substantial editing was applied.]

State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this __ day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now in Session for the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee, – Thomas Ingham a Resident of Wilson County & State aforesaid aged Seventy-one [?] years the 6 [?] day of June last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States, and served as herein after stated, viz.

I was born & raised in Southampton County State of Virginia and at age of 16 or 18 years old I entered the service of the United States, a militia soldier – there was a draft for men sometime in the winter of 1780 in the latter part of that year – in the company which I belonged in Southampton County aforesaid; out of which my father Willis Ingham [?]¹ was drafted who not long before had served a tower [tour], – I became his substitute and was allotted to serve six months. I commenced the line of march soon after under one Captain Simons [?]² a militia officer, marched some days under said Captain Simmons until the different Companies composing the Regiment united, when the officers of the Regiment of Superior Command dismissed Captain Simons from further service for some cause not now recollected by this applicant, and placed one Captain Cummings in command of the same, his first name not at this time Recollected, we proceeded on our march towards James River, for the purpose of storming a Fort of the British at a place called long bridge near James River where we arrived and coming within cannon shot of the Fort we Rec'd [?] a few rounds or fires from the Fort, a retreat was ordered and we marched up James River some distance passing through what was called the



¹ possible other interpretations of this name: Willen Ingham; Weller Ingham; Miller Ingham; William Ingham, etc.



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desert [?]³ and called a halt at a place called brand warter or black warter [Black Water?] where we encamped for about two months perhaps more after such we continued our march up James River having learned that the British had left the Fort at long bridge it was expected that they would make an attack on Petersburg or Richmond. We passed through different parts of the Country often within hearing of the British Drums at the [indecipherable word]⁴ & on the River, where we stayed there and then about guarding the Towns & Country and watching the movements of the Enemy & also driving the Tories from that section until the Expiration of our service of six months, and some 5 or 6 days after we then returned home but did not receive any Discharge but it was understood that we might get our discharges from the Roll afterwards but it so turned out [that] the money that was called Continental money became so depreciated in value that I never afterwards made any application for the discharge or the money, for the services, there was at that time quantities of that kind of money that had become of little or no use to the holders, and was not ever accepted to be of any worth to them, was the cause I never applied for money or Discharge, the before mentioned Regiment was commanded by General Mellingburg [Peter Muhlenberg]; Colonel Mannyweathers [Thomas Meriwether]; Major Juvalt [?]⁵; Major Declomor [probably a reference to Christian Charles De Klauman Charles Deklaman R13678]; Major Jackson [Jackson?] I think that was his name if so he was our agetent [adjutant?] – after my return home as before mentioned some 15 or 20 days there came on another Draft in the Company which I belonged in Southampton County aforesaid and one Lewis Japiary [?]⁶ was drafted for the term I think of 6 months and I became his substitute and took up the line of march in a few days after and marched to brand warter near James River from there turned up said River passing through Petersburg and continuing up said River to the neighborhood of the Town of Richmond we encamped some weeks at a place called [indecipherable words]⁷ we marched then down the River near brand water where we stayed some time then again returned up the River passing through different Sections of that part of the Country protecting the Towns & the neighboring Country from [indecipherable word]⁸ depredations of the Tories driving them up from there holes [?] & hiding places staying at no one place long at a time when we stayed until Cornwallis was shut up in York Town and surrounded by Washington's Army it was then considered by our officers the [that?] we would be of little or no use in that part, where we then

³ desert

⁴ fruit

⁵ Juvalt;

⁶ Lewis Japiary

⁷ private hunters

⁸ desert

was and so we was then dismissed from further service with considerable bustle & hurry the officers not having or taking time to write our Discharges we were permitted to return home without, under a promise that we would all receive our Discharges sometime hence, but I believe none was ever given at least I received none nor never made any application for one for the same reason mentioned in the first tower in this Declaration, and further after I had returned home after serving three months & some few days we heard that Wallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781] his whole Army which was considered about the close of the war and may still more careless about my discharge and so the further depreciation of the money in addition to the distance I still had to go to obtain one I altogether declined it. His last tower was in the year 1781 the time we broke up perhaps was in October of that year the company to which I belonged was commanded by Captain Cummings the Regiment commanded by General Mallingburg Colonel Mannyweathers, Major Juvalt & Major Declamer and also Major Jackson Adjutant of the Regiment – The length of time of my two towers as before mentioned is nine months & some few days. After the Revolutionary war I resided in Southampton County Virginia about three years I then moved to Northampton County State of North Carolina where I remained about five years from thence I went to Chatham County in the State of North Carolina and resided there for about two years from there I removed back to Northampton County in said State where I remained about twelve years from there I moved into Halifax County where I remained about fifteen years from there I moved to Wilson County State of Tennessee where I now reside and have resided near two years. – My place of nativity according to account given me by my father & mother was in Southampton County Virginia, there is no record of my age that I know of, but the information that I have is entirely traditionary, that I was born the 6 day of June 1762 in Southampton County aforesaid I was raised up in that County until I entered the service as before mentioned, after the close of the war I lived in the several states & Counties as before mentioned and I now reside in Wilson County Tennessee have resided here for about two years as before mentioned, the manner in which I was called into service, the name of the officers, the discharges &c reference being had to the Declaration will fully appear, I will though state that I served in the Army the two tours as before mentioned as a private soldier – as to proof of my services I have no living witness that I know of where I at present lives (as mentioned in this Declaration) has been too short to have an extensive acquaintance I am acquainted with all perhaps in the immediate neighborhood to wit Robert Johnson, Tallaman Hartsfield, George D Moose [?], Jauatt Loyd & others I am acquainted with several in the Town of Lebanon as I live in a mile and a half of that place – Colonel John Muirhead, Adam Muirhead merchants Major John Hearn, Samuel Brown, James H Johnson, Joseph Johnson & others, all of whom I think if required would so far as their acquaintance with me speak favorable so far as being a man of veracity & truth they having not long been acquainted with me perhaps they could not give any opinion whether I was or was not a soldier of the Revolution I can prove by two witnesses Henry Chambliss & Allen Ingham who lived near to me in the same neighborhood in North Carolina for several years that I was there generally reputed to have been a soldier of the Revolution. I hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Thomas Ingham, X his mark

[John Jones, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Henry Chambliss & A. J. Ingram gave testimony that while the veteran lived in Halifax County North Carolina, he was generally reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution and that they believe he was a soldier of the revolution; that the veteran enjoys a good on his character as a

man of truth.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]