

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Thornhill S46518

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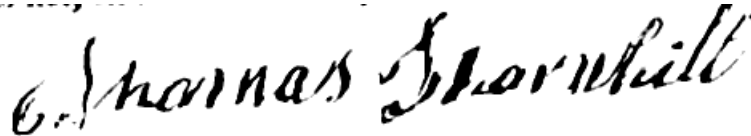
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Thomas Thornhill of Brownfield Parrish in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private soldier in Captain Joseph Eggleston's Company, in the legionary Regiment of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee of said Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the 15th of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.

S/ Thomas Thornhill



Witness my hand, this 16th day of June in the year 1828.

S/ Thomas Thornhill

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 11th day of November 1783 in the name of Thomas Thornhill as a Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £ 22.4.11 delivered to General Stevens and was given, as appears by a copy of the settlement on file in this office.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 19th day of June 1850

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S/ Ro Johnston

First Auditor

[No Seal of Office]

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Auditors Office 28, 1784

I Certify that Thomas Thornhill was taken from one of the Virginia regiments the first March 1781 by order of General Green and put in Lieutenant Colonel Lee's Legion; that he afterwards enlisted for the War in the said Legion; and was never discharged until the Army was disbanded by order of Congress in November 1783 he served in the ranks as a Dragoon and never received any pay.

S/ Jos. Eggleston  
Ma: Lee's Legion

[the above certified as a true copy on June 19, 1850]

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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
July 1828

Thomas Thornhill of Broomfield Parrish in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain J. Eggleston's Company, in the ~~—regiment of the~~ Colonel Lee's Legion of the Virginia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
10th July 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to Thomas Thornhill in ~~the~~ Lees Legion of the Virginia line

It further appears that Thomas Thornhill is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of — dollars per month.~~

Thomas Thornhill appears to have been paid at the rate of eight and 1/3 Dollars per month.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

[f p. 4: There is a letter dated August 21, 1850 from an attorney representing the children of Thomas Thornhill in which the attorney states that Thornhill died in Rappahannock County Virginia near Woodinville about the year 1838 or 1839 his wife having died about 10 [could be two] years before him leaving the following children: Joseph, William, Bryan, Thomas, Charles, Bleuford, Robert and Edmond Thornhill and two daughters, Mrs. Butter [could be Butler], &

Mrs. Stone. The veteran is said to have been a pensioner of the United States at the time of his death. In a certificate swearing to the facts set forth in his letter, the attorney also states that he was a schoolmate of some of the children of the veteran and his wife and that the veteran's children now live in the counties of Rappahannock, Culpepper & Madison of Virginia. The attorney was named William Slaughter.]

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Addendum to Thomas Thornhill S46518

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 23 March 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). There is also a claim by the heirs of Thomas Thornhill in [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#), but it is largely illegible.]

Auditors officer June 28 1783

I Certify that Thomas Thornhill was taken from one of the Virginia Regim'ts the first March 1781 by order of Gen'l [Nathanael] Greene and put in Lt. Colo. [Henry] Lee's Legion; that he afterward Enlested for the War in the said Legion, and was never discharged untill the army was disbanded by order of Congress in Novem'r 1783 he served in the ranks as a dragoon and never Rec'd any pay.

Jos. Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston W8687]

Ma[jor] Lee's Legion

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