

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Thralls S6240

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State of Virginia County of Monongahela: SS

On the 23rd day of April in the year 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Richard Thralls a resident of said he County aged about eighty years who being first duly sworn according [to] law doth on his solemn oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 that [he] entered the service of the United States in Hancock [?] town in the State of Maryland in a company of Militia as a private under Captain Thomas Cabel [Thomas Campbell?] and marched to Fort Pitt the year he does not recollect but then was attached to Colonel Gibson's Regiment and placed under the Command of General Broadhead there they passed the winter and in the spring marched to Fort Laurens the New [next?] year after the Fort was built there staid about two months then returned to Fort Pitt guarded the Fort the next summer and winter then was marched to [indecipherable] and there remained a short time and was discharged he thinks the time he served was about two years and a half in all and states that his residence at that time was at [indecipherable name] town in the State [of] Maryland and removed into Monongahela County Virginia in the year he thinks of 1803 and he further states his discharge has been long since lost and he knows of no person living that served with him in the same Company that he is acquainted with Samuel Minor [?] Esquire, Peter Hinkins [?] Esquire Captain John Lantz [?] and William Thomas [?] Esquire and a number of other Respectable gentlemen who he believes can testify as to his character and the general belief of his Services in the Revolution that no clergyman is residing in his Neighborhood that he thinks he was born in the year 1753, that the record of his age he knows nothing about that for several years past his mind has been very much impaired by fits that his recollection of past events is very defective it is only at times that he is enabled to recollect any circumstances of his life – that he is not able to say whether Captain Camibls [Campbell's?] Company was regular or Militia troops but he is confident that he served about two years and a half.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Richard Thralls, X his mark

[Alexander Wade, a Justice of the Peace expressed his opinion that the veteran did serve in the revolution as he states.]

Month Mahala County SS

This day personally appeared before me William Lazier Esquire a justice of the peace in and for said County Amos Morris¹ a resident of said County aged 75 who after being duly and

¹ [Amos Morris S7244](#)

solemnly sworn doth depose and say that he was at Fort Pitt in the year 1777 as well as he can now recollect, that whilst there he recollects seeing Richard Thralls of this County, who was a private soldier in a company he believes commanded by Captain Campbell, who he thinks was under the command of Colonel Broadhead – that this deponent was then a private for three months in the Pennsylvania militia commanded by Captain afterwards Colonel Crawford – that he does not know when the said Thralls entered the service or for what length of time, or how long he continued therein –

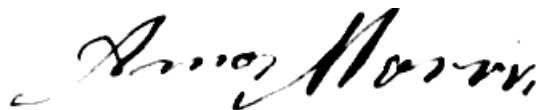
That this deponent was a private in Captain Clark's company under Colonel Gibson and was stationed at the winter of 1778 at Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] on the Tuscarora, that in the spring of 1779 we were relieved by General McIntosh and Major Firman [Furman?] was left in command of the garrison without about 150 men – that among those troops under Firman he recollects the same Richard Thralls, who he believes was still under Campbell, that Firman evacuated the Fort in the fall of 1779 being starved out –

That he does not know that Thralls remained in the service from June 1777 when he first saw him at Pittsburgh, until the evacuation of Fort Lawrence (as they were separated, some of the troops being at Pittsburgh, Bedford, Forts Lawrence & McIntosh) but he believes he served all the time.

That the Virginia and Pennsylvania regular & militia troops were so mixed up and divided in their service in the West that it is impossible for the deponent to say whether Captain Campbell belonged to Colonel Broadhead or Colonel Gibson's Regiment, the former being Pennsylvania and the latter Virginia Colonels.

That the said Richard Thralls is now very infirm and his mind much impaired by disease.

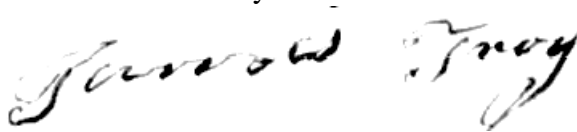
S/ Amos Morris



State of Virginia Monongahela County: SS

April the 16th 1833 This day appeared before me Samuel Minor the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County James Troy² aged 73 years, who being first duly and solemnly sworn, doth depose and say. That he has been personally acquainted with Richard Thralls a resident of said County ever since the year 1777, that during the year 1778, he has a perfect recollection of seeing the said Richard Thralls in the Service of the United States as a private soldier at Fort Pitt, in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Cambel in Colonel Gibson's Regiment, which Regiment he believes was Virginia troops – that when this deponent marched to Fort Pitt in the year 1778 he found the said Thralls there, and said Thralls continued to remain in the service as long as this deponent remained in said service which was six months but at what time the said Thralls entered or left the said service, this deponent does not know – that the said Thralls is a man of good character.

S/ James Troy



² [James Troy S7747](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia service.]