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Pension application of George Thomason S7712

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State of North Carolina, Davidson County: Superior Court of Law

On this 3rd day of October A. D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Superior Court for the County of Davidson now sitting George Thomason a resident of the County of Davidson and State aforesaid aged about 70 years 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 7, 1832. He states that in the first place during the war Revolutionary war he entered the service for the first term in the County of Caswell then perhaps Orange [County] as a volunteer, when very young – it being during the revolutionary war, under the militia in a company commanded by Captain Vannoy [?] attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Sheppard as well as this Affiant can recollect – and it being in the winter of the year 1776 or '77 that they marched to South Carolina, where they were employed during the winter, and were stationed some time near Camden, perhaps as a corps of observation as there was apprehension of a second attack upon South Carolina – that having served in this Tour four months he was marched back with his company and was discharged – that in this service he served with no regulars, that there was another Regiment of militia along from N. C. but Affiant does not recollect the names of the officers – that when he entered this service he was a resident of the County of Caswell or Orange as aforesaid after which he moved with [his] Father and family to the County of Surry and State of North Carolina, and that living there in the winter of 1778 or 79 he entered a company of militia for a five months tour as a substitute for [illegible first name, could be “John” or “one”] Mosby the company being commanded by Captain James Sheppard; that to the best of his recollection his company in this service was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Brevard – that they were marched South to the Savannah River, Georgia being then in the possession of the British – that if Affiant recollects right they were proceeding to reinforce General Ash [sic, John Ashe] but did not get into the action of Briar Creek;

that having served out this five months tour he was discharged – Affiant further states that in the year 1779 if he recollects the year right he volunteered in a company of militia for three months in a company commanded by Captain James Colonel Joseph Williams being Colonel – that whilst in this duty – he was detached with his company together with two other militia companies perhaps 3 to guard and protect the commissioners in running the boundary line between North Carolina & Virginia; that if he recollects right that the commissioners names in the part of North Carolina were Richard Henderson, John Williams and perhaps in truth that in the part of Virginia he recollects Doct Walker, that he recollects which in this service one of the companies from Wilkes Count not his own revolted and had to be kept on duty by sever means and martial Law-- that having served a three months he was discharged.

Affiant further states that in the year 1780 he again joined a company of militia as a substitute for his Father Richard Thomason, the company being commanded by Joseph Philips and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] that whilst in this service he assisted [?] at the battle of King's Mountain and at the end of three months was discharged.

Affiant further states that in the winter of 1780 & '81 he again entered upon a three months tour as a substitute for a person whose name he does not now recollect, that he recollects this substitution very well from the circumstance that the person for whom he substituted had belonged to a party of Tories who were defeated at the Station fork [?] of the Yadkin by a party of Whigs and either taken prisoners or dispersed and upon being promised pardons upon serving a tour of three months on the Whig side, then he [illegible word or words] and the person for whom he substituted (not being intimately acquainted with him) being afraid that per his officer he may then in some battle be placed in the front rank, he got Affiant as a substitute for him – that this company was commanded by Captain B. Humphreys Joseph Philips being Colonel of the Regiment and was detached for Southern duty and marched towards Head Quarters but was turned back at Salisbury and they were employed in guarding prisoners – having served out his three months he was discharged – Affiant further states that in the year 1781 he was drafted in a company of militia commanded by Captain David Humphreys in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Martin for a three months tour and was marched to Wilmington and having served out his term he was discharged – Affiant states that he then served six tours from the County of Caswell 4 months in the winter of 1776, 1777 – in 1778 & '79 a five months tour in 1780 a three months tour in same year another tour of three months in the winter of 1780 another three months and in 1781 another three months – also [illegible words] 21 months for which he claims a pension or for as much thereof as he may be entitled to under the Law – he states that from each tour of service he was discharged in writing but which in the length of time has been lost or mislaid, he states that in the five months and in the first three months tour as laid down he acted as drummer and in the other tours as a private – that in his different tours of service from the County of Surry he was in the brigade, division or district commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – that in the tours from Caswell he don't recollect the General's name, perhaps it was Butler. Affiant further states that although he recollects the years in which he performed the different tours of duty yet from age and consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the precise days or months when he joined – he does not recollect that in any of his tours of duty he served with any regular troops except at the battle of King's

Mountain where Joel Lewis & Micajah Lewis were present who affiant believes were regular officers but of what grade affiant does not recollect. Affiant states that he was born in Prince Edward County State of Virginia in the year 1763 – that he has no record of his age – he states that when he entered the service the first tour he lived in the County of Caswell then Orange – that during his other tours he lived in the County of Surry now Stokes that since the revolutionary war he lived a part of the time in Surry County a short time in the County of [illegible] but the great part of the time in Rowan County now Lexington where he resides at this time.

Affiant states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to certify for him except the testimony declared by the affidavits of Fortis Philips & Solomon Philips hereto appended – who testify to part [of his service]. He adds that in his tour from Caswell County he was only between 13 and 14 years of age but being well grown for his age with his father who served in the same company he volunteered as aforesaid, shouldered his musket, was entered into rank and drew soldiers pay or his father for him, each [several illegible words] in the proper place, that whilst in the five months tour on the Savannah River, though not in the regular troops commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] but recollects that they acted together. He states that no clergyman lives in his immediate vicinity – acquainted with him who can testify of his character or belief of his services. He states that in his present neighborhood he is known to Geo. Fritz & Philip Barrier [?] who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his service during the revolution – that all his services aforesaid were in the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ George Thomason

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ An^d. Hunt, CSC

[George Fritz and Philip Barrier gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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North Carolina Stokes County

This 7th day of September A.D. 1833 came before us Henry Doub & Isaac Conrad Justices of the peace for the County of Stokes, Foster Philips and Solomon Philips, and made oath that they were well acquainted with George Thomason, that they knew him from the time he was a boy – and recollected very well that said George Thomason served in the revolutionary War, – that he served the following towers [sic, tours] – within their recollections –

The Testimony of Foster Philips who saith on oath that the said George Thomason served a tower of three months to Kings Mountain in the year 1780 under Joseph Phillips Capt. and Cleveland Col. – he Further states he knew that said Thomason served a tower to Salisbury in 80 and 81 – he further states that the said Thomason was generally in the service during the war and that he heard his Father Capt. Jo Philips say that said Thomason was as good a soldier as he had with him and further the witness saith not.

S/ Foster Phillips, X his mark

The Testimony of Solomon Philips who saith on oath that the said George Thomason served a tower of three months to Kings mountain in the year 1780 under Joseph Phillips

Capt. and Cleveland Col. he further states that he knew said Thomason served a tower to Salisbury in 1780 and 1781 and also states that he himself served he further states that said Thomason was generally in war service during the war. He also has a good recollection of his serving a five-month tower under James Shephard Capt. and further the witness saith not.

S/ Solomon Philips, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 18 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]