

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Fletcher S8486

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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension List under the act of the 18th March 1818
Virginia Halifax County: SS

On this 24th day of October 1831 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record Thomas Fletcher resident in the said County aged Seventy years in April next who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That I the said Thomas Fletcher, listed [enlisted] for three years, the first time under Capt. Waller in a Regiment commanded by Col. Molule [? Mobile?]. The second Col. was Col. Porterfield [Charles Porterfield] who commanded the Regiment to which I belonged, but the Col. who was killed at some place I know not where, was Col. Porterfield. I was exchanged to the Regiment commanded by Thomas Muter [sic, more likely Col. George Muter] and I do say upon oath that I was enlisted for and during the Revolutionary War and served to the end of that period. That I served in the said line of service and was discharged at Richmond Virginia. That I hereby relinquish every claim whatever except the present, That my name is not on the Pension roll of any State except Virginia and that the following all the reasons I have not made earlier application for a Pension -- until very lately I had no knowledge of there being a law allowing Pensions and until now I could get no Person to make the Application --

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

100 acres poor land near the all old field	\$100.00
1 old mare	5.00
25 hogs small and great	12.00
2 head of cattle	6.00
	\$123.00

That I am a planter by occupation but illy able to do anything and cannot support myself, having only a wife about 40 or 50 years of age -- that no changes of my property have taken place since

the 18th day of March 1818, being then a poor man and am now.

S/ Thomas Fletcher, X his mark

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General Land Office

5th of January 1832

I hereby Certify that it appears from the Records of this Office that Certificates of Scrip were issued to Thomas Fletcher on the 29th day of September 1831 under the Act of 30th May 1830, amounting to two hundred fifty Dollars in satisfaction of Warrant No. 373 issued to him by the State of Virginia for Services rendered in the State Line during the War.

S/ Elijah Hayward

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Richmond April 18th, 1783

This is to certify that Thomas Fletcher enlisted as a Soldier in the Service of this State September 3, 1778 & is now in service during the War.

S/ D. Mann, Lt. [David Mann]

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