

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

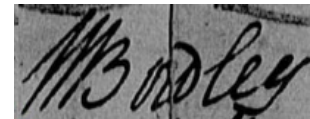
Pension Application of John Thomas W125                      Elizabeth Thomas                      MD  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee, Wilson County

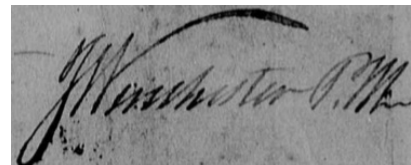
On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord 1818, personally appeared before me, the Subscriber one of the judges of the Circuit Court of the state aforesaid John Thomas, aged about fifty seven years, resident in the County of Wilson, in the state of Tennessee and in the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit for the s'd State, who being by me, first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War; That he the s'd John Thomas, enlisted in the service of the United States, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 in the State of Maryland, and in the County of Kent of s'd state, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Commanded by Colo. Bordley [sic: Col. William Bordley, commandant (County Lieutenant) of militia] and after he arrived at head quarters, was attached to and mustered in the company commanded by Capt Revealee [sic: Francis Reveley BLWt261-300] of the s'd Regiment; that he continued in the Service of the United States Untill about the month of February in the 1783 when he was marched with a very severe indispration [indisposition?], as the Army was on the line of march from Salisbury to Dan River in the State of No. Carolina [sic: Salisbury NC to Dan River in VA, 4 Feb to 14 Feb 1781], and from an incessant continuation of his illness, he was incapacitated for joining the army again untill this term of his service expired, from which circumstance, he was unable to produce a formal discharge, and therefore he has no other evidence to offer, to prove his service except the certificate of Wm Bordley, certifying his enlistment and the certificate of J Winchester, pay Master, certifying the Deficiency of the cloathing of the s'd John Thomas, which certificates are herewith enclosed and also that he was engaged in the Battle of Little York, when Cornwallis was taken [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] – and also a skirmish at or near Charlestown, in the state of South Carolina and that his pecuniary circumstances are so reduced that he cannot support himself without the assistance of Government

Sworn to and Declared before me, the day & year aforesaid                      John hisXmark Thomas

I certify that John Thoms was enlisted for the Maryland line on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 to serve as a Soldier for the term of three year's                      W Bordley  
Lieut. Kent Co'y



I do Certify there is due to John Thomas Soldier in the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Reg't for his Deficiency of Clothing from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1781 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1782 the sum of nine Dollars and fifty Seven ninetieths of a Dollar  
Camp Ashley Hill 1782 [see endnote]



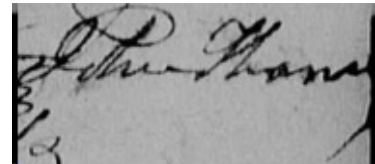
District of West Tennessee }  
Wilson County Ss.                      }     On this ninth day of May 1821 personally appeared in open court being a county court of record in said county and district as aforesaid John Thomas aged sixty One years resident in Wilson County and district as aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served int he Revolutionary War as follows in the 1 Regimt. of Maryland Regular service

in the company commanded by Capt. Reville. Also I have heretofore legally declared on oath on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1818 of my inability service in said revolutionary war &c and sent it on to the war department and have since obtained a Pension Certificate in my favour Numbered 11.930 and I do further declare upon Oath that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 as followeth

One grey mare valued at	50
Sixty acres land	150
Seven head Cattle	27
twelve head hogs & 11 young pigs	12
two beds and steds with the rest of }	
his house hold & kitchen furniture }	<u>20</u>
	\$259

I further declare on oath that I am by occupation a shoemaker almost unable to persue it my wife Elizabeth and one daughter by the name of Polley constitutes my family my wife about sixty years of age quite decrepit and infirm scarce able to do any thing to our support my daughter Polley about Eighteen years of age of course very little she is able to contribute to the supporting a family Sworn to and subscribed in open court being as aforesaid a county court of record for said county and district as aforesaid the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1821

Robt Bumpass  
Isaac Perriman



State of Tennessee }  
Wilson County } On this 2<sup>st</sup> day of December 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said Wilson County and a Justice of the County Court of said county which is a Court of Record Mrs Mary Mount a resident of said County aged forty nine years on the 12th day of September last who on her oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the acts of Congress past July 7th 1838 3<sup>d</sup> March 1843 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844 and 2d February 1848 granting pensions to certain widows or there heirs of Revolutionay Soldiers who served during the Revolutionay war &c That she is the sixth child of John Thomas & his wife Elzabeth Thomas late of said County now deseast and declarant will here proceed to give as full an account of her said father Services in said Revolutionary war and of the Marriage of her father & mother as she can now recolect which statmts she gives and makes from what she heard and undestood from her said father & mother in thare life time to wit her father was a Continutial Soldiar or regular Soldiar from the State of Meriland that he was an enlisted Soldiar for dering the war of the Revolution that after the close of the said war affiants father then returned for his home and while on his way he being out of Money & Clothing at the close of said War he was compelled to stop & go to work This he done stopt in the State of North Carolina & while remaing thare became acquainted with declarants Mother who was Elzabeth Perry Man of Rockingham County as will as declarant recolects and some time in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty two or Eighty three declarants father John Thomas entermarried to the said Elzabeth Perryman in said Rockingham County North Carolina and afterwards they removed to East Tennessee thence to Kentuckey & thence back to Tennessee & settled in Wilson County This was about the year 1807 declarant being then about six years old and afterwards to wit about the year Eighteen hundred and nineteen 1819

declarant distinctly recollects her father the said John Thomas applied for a pension which papers of application was made out by and forwarded to the department by Joshua Lister or Esqr Crop of said Wilson County and upon said application declarant's father the said John Thomas was allowed a pension of ninety six dollars per year declarant also recollects that after said pension was allowed in 1820 or 21 her father went to Nashville after his money and received it the precise amount she does not recollect that some time thereafter the said Lister again called at her father's to arrange his papers & to value his property again in order for her father to make another draw when this was done & the papers sent on – when the said John Thomas was informed that he could not draw any more money that his pension was stopped in consequence of his having more property than was allowed to a pensioner [\$200] affiant's father therefore never received any more money as a pension up to the day of his death that he died in said Wilson County Tenn on the 20th November Eighteen hundred & twenty eight (1828) That at the time of his death he left his widow the said Elizabeth Thomas declarant's Mother who survived him until on the first day of January 1849 when she died in said Wilson County Tennessee that at the time of her death she left but two children William Thomas of Gallatin County Illinois and declarant who are the only legal heirs of their Mother the said Elizabeth Thomas deceased

declarant further states that after the death of her father the said John Thomas his old original pension certificate with his other papers was taken into possession by her brother William Thomas who moved from said Wilson County to Gallatin County Illinois that when he removed he carried said pension certificate & papers with him since which time declarant has not seen or heard of them

declarant further states that she has no documentary or record proof of the marriage of her Mother & Father that their family record which showed the dates of their children's births & probably of their marriage was lost or destroyed so declarant cannot now produce it. affiant further states that at the date of the death of her Mother the said Elizabeth Thomas she was as declarant understood from the said Elizabeth that she was in the Eighty Seventh year of her age That she had for twenty years previous to her death been almost entirely blind that the reason why she did not apply for a pension in her lifetime was that she supposed as her husband had been stopped from receiving it that she was not entitled nor did she know any better up to the day of her death nor did declarant until very recently know that she and her brother could claim the same as her heirs declarant therefore makes this her application and asks that she & her brother the said William Thomas who are the only heirs at law of the said Elizabeth Thomas may be allowed the amount of pension that was due to their Mother at the time of her death

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the date above                      Mary her X mark Mount  
W. T. Harris

#### NOTES:

Ashley Hill SC, on the south side of Ashley River 7 mi SE of Old Dorchester, was the encampment of Gen. Nathanael Greene's Southern Department from 7 Jul - 14 Dec 1782.

On 5 Dec 1850 Isaac Periman (as he signed), age 48, of Rutherford County TN, stated that his father moved with John and Elizabeth Thomas from Rockingham County NC to Powell Valley in East Tennessee and from there to Kentucky and finally to Wilson County in 1807. He also stated that their first child was Isaac Thomas who would have been about 67 or 68 if living.

On 6 Dec 1850 Jacob Whitworth, 69, of Rutherford County TN stated that in Rockingham County NC he had known John Thomas and his wife, formerly Elizabeth Perryman, daughter of Isaac Perryman. He also stated that John Thomas "had a lame leg," which he understood resulted from a wound while in the service.

A document dated 5 May 1851 states that Alfred Mount was administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Thomas. On 29 May 1851 Alfred Mount stated that he had been unable to locate William Thomas.

There are other supporting statements in the file, including one by Richard Mount, a "distant relation" of Mary Mount