

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Catlett Thomas W1668

Mary

f33VA

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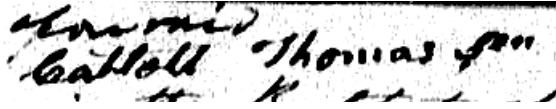
Caroline County State of Virginia to wit

On this 14th [?] January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Caroline County Court now sitting Catlett Thomas a resident of aforesaid State & County aged 69 [? could be 67] years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the U. States under the following officers and served as herein after stated. I hired myself to go in the room of Edward Spencer of King & Queen County for the first tour I served, and entered the Militia under Captain Tolland [?] we marched to Williamsburg barracks thence to Sandy Point, & there party from my company and went to Burnts [?] ferry to guard the River and was discharged at Williamsburg & served three months on this tour. The next tour I hired myself to Thomas Coleman of Essex County, I served three months on this tour, the third tour I went for myself from Essex County. I was this time at the siege of York on the Gloucester side near Sowell's Tavern [? could be Lowell's tavern]. I served two months in this tour, I think more but can't be positive, I was discharged after the surrender of York [October 19, 1781] [indecipherable word or words] said Sowell's Tavern – the second tour I was discharged at Richmond after serving three months. I cannot now distinguish the officers I served under the second & third tour – I remember I served under Colonel Richardson & Colonel Gatewood William Web [William Webb?] was my Ensign, Reuben Chapman was my orderly Sergeant, we were called up one night to pursue some British . I know William Waring was my officer that time – I can't say what others were my officers or the period or third tour. I served all three tours in the militia in all I was eight months in service. I can't recollect the dates of my entering or being discharged from service, on all three tours I was on or about James River being marched directly there. I was in no battle whatever. I was on the third tour stationed on the side with the French troops commanded by the Marquis Lafayette, we called him the General le Marquis then. I knew no officer in the Continental Army, I was born the 14th of November 1763 I took a note of my birth from my father's Prayer book, but don't know what has become of that book. The first tour I entered service in King & Queen County, the two last in Essex County. I was discharged always with the company that I served with and never received any written discharge. The Reverend John Niscon [?] & The Reverend Spilsbe Woolfolk can testify as to my good character, veracity, behavior &c but I know of no one whose evidence I can obtain as to my service in the Revolution without more trouble than I can bear at my time of life. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Catlett Thomas Sen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catlett Thomas Sen.", written over a horizontal line.

[Spilsbe Woolfolk, a clergyman in the Baptist Church, and John Jeter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p 6: On May 15, 1850 in Caroline County Virginia, Mary Thomas, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Catlett Thomas, a pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for his service in the revolution; that her husband died October 27 1847; that she married him December 27th, 1788 in the County of Essex in Virginia.]

[f p. 8: James S. and James Thomas verified a family record which read as follows:

Marriages

Catlett Thomas was married to Mary Dobson the 27th day of December 1788

Thomas Jones was married to Elizabeth Thomas the 15th of October 1813

Catlett Thomas Junior the son of Captain Thomas Senior was married the 13th of April 1819 his wife was Ann Tooms [?]

Pitman Thomas was married to Sarah Ragan the 23rd of December 1825

Ann Thomas was married to Allen Rose the third day of April 1832

Thomas Thomas was married the 19th day of January 1848

Births

Catlett Thomas was born the 14th day of November 1763

Mary Dobson, the wife of Catlett Thomas was born the 5 day of February 1768

The age of their Children

William Thomas was born the 13th day of September 1789

Elizabeth Thomas was born the 9th day of October 1791 & [indecipherable word, looks like "Lewey"] with her And is not __ but Dead

Catlett Thomas was born the 1th [sic] day of September 1794

Pitman Thomas & Phebe Thomas was born the 14th day of September 1797

Mary Thomas was born the 2nd day of October 1799

Rebehah Thomas was born the 29th day of October 1801

Nancy Thomas was born the 29th day of January 1804

Susanna Thomas was born the 2nd day of October 1805

Thomas Thomas was born the 12th day of September 1807

James Thomas was born the 29th day of August 1810

Silas Thomas was born the 12th day of September 1812

William Jones the son of Thomas Jones & Elizabeth his wife was born the ninth of March 1816

[f p 17: Certificate by the Essex County Virginia clerk of court that Catlett Thomas and Molay Dobson were married by Theodorick Noel March 27 1789]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for eight months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]