

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thurman¹ W169 Mary f44VA
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[f p. 16]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee aforesaid William Thurmond a resident of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged seventy-one years or thereabout who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the Army of the United States under the immediate command of Captain John Miller in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia on or about the first of September 1780 who was commanded by Colonel Cole and General Nelsons Brigade – that he was marched from Albemarle for Yorktown but was stopped at Cabin Point on James River to throw up some breastworks from which place he was marched back to Albemarle County after an absence of two months and five days or thereabout where he remained until about the first day of March 1781 when he was marched again under the command of Captain Benjamin Harris for York town under Colonel Lindsey that he was marched through different parts of Virginia retreating before the troops under the command of Lord Cornwallis until he again arrived in Albemarle where he staid two weeks two provide himself some clothing after getting a supply of clothing he was marched under the immediate command of Captain Warren to Williamsburg where he remained about 20 days from which place he marched to Yorktown to the headquarters of the American Army commanded by General Washington at which place he remained until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and his Army from which place he marched with the prisoners towards Winchester but was discharged on the way home and arrived in Albemarle some time in November I think about the middle of the month being about eight months and a half during said tour amounting altogether to 10 months and about 20 days and further that he never received any pay or bounty of any [indecipherable word] for any part of the time he was in service nor authorized any person to receive it for him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the date above

S/ William Thurman, X his mark

[Alexander Long and John A. Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Personally appeared before me John A. Rogers a Justice of the Peace in and for the County William Thurman who being duly sworn depose and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For two months and five days I served as a private. For eight months and 15 days I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension. He states further he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He states he was born in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia on the 27th day of February in the year 1762. He states he has the record of his age now in his possession taken from his Father's record. He states that he is acquainted with Alexander Long and Captain John A. Rogers late of the United States Army on the 24th Regiment of Infantry and who is now a Justice of the Peace for Hawkins County in State aforesaid also the Reverend William C Reynolds of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He states further that the whole time he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority and was during the whole time either in the field or in garrison and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. Sworn to & subscribed before me the 11th day of June 1833.

S/ William Thurman, W his mark

[f p. 5: On the 22nd day of June 1849 in Hawkins County Tennessee, Mary Thurman, 79, widow of William Thurman filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that her husband was pensioned at the rate of \$35.55 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Albemarle County Virginia January 11, 1787; that her husband died April 27, 1848 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Mary Dickerson; she was born September 12, 1769 the daughter of Thomas Dickerson; the marriage bond issued to the veteran was witness by Francis Dickerson and William Dickerson, no relationship is stated.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.55 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831 for 10 months & 20 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]