

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Southard (Southward, Southworth) W19076 Mary Ann f25VA  
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In Hanover County Court June 24th, 1818

Thomas Southward this day appeared in Court and made oath that he is a native born citizen of the United States and now resides in this County, that he enlisted in the Continental Army under Captain Thomas Meriwether and was commanded by Colonel George Gibson in the year 1777 in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, that he served six years and some months and was in the following engagements with the enemy, to wit, at the Battle of Monmouth Courthouse [June 28, 1778], at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], that he was duly discharged at Richmond Virginia & that his discharge is entirely worn out and lost and the said Southward further maketh oath that his circumstances are so reduced as absolutely to require the aid and assistance of the Government for his support and maintenance.

Hinsley Grubbs<sup>1</sup> made oath that the said Southward served between 5 and 6 years and was at the three battles above mentioned in his circumstances are such as to require the assistance of his Country for support.

William Tinsley<sup>2</sup> also made oath that the said Southward served in the Regular Army during the revolutionary war about 18 months and that his circumstances are such as to require the assistance of his Country for support.

[William Pollard, clerk of the Court of Hanover County attested the document June 26, 1818]

In Hanover County Court, August 23rd, 1820

On this 23rd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Hanover Thomas Southward aged [indecipherable word or symbol] sixty-seven years a resident in Hanover County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 and the first day of May 1820, that he the said Thomas Southward when he was in Colonel Gibson's Regiment under the state establishment enlisted for during the war in the State of New Jersey in the Company of Captain Crump in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] in the regular service of the United States during the revolutionary war, that he continued to serve in the said Company until the end of the war; that he served four years and was discharged in Richmond Virginia; that he was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, And in pursuance of the act of the

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<sup>1</sup> [Hensley Grubbs S37962](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Tinsley S41255](#)

first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear 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 whatever 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 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 to wit no property real or personal except his necessary clothing & bedding and a little furniture, that he is a farmer, that from age he is unable to perform much labor, that he has a wife between forty and forty-five years old & three children living with him two daughters and a son, one aged 12, one 9 years and the other son about six months old.

S/ Thos. Southworth, X his mark

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The bearer Thomas Southward, a soldier of the 1<sup>st</sup> V. S. Regiment enlisted sometime in February 1777 & served to the end of the war.

S/ Ab Crump, Captn. [Abner Crump]

Richmond 27 June 83

V. S. Troops

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Canceled Chamber June 28, 1783

I do certify Thomas Southworth is entitled to the proportion of land accorded a private in the State line who enlisted for the War, and Served 3 years.

S/ Thomas Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

a warrant for 200 acres issue to Thomas Southworth June 28, 1783.

[both documents above are copies]

[f p. 8: On August 22, 1839 in Hanover County Virginia, Mary A. Southard, aged about 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Southard, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married her husband in Caroline County Virginia in the fall of the year 1783; that they were married by the Reverend Nathan Holloway; that her husband died to the best of her recollection in the first of December 1824 or 1825. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 14]

I William Madison<sup>3</sup> of the County of Caroline, in State of Virginia Revolutionary pensioner do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Southard deceased of Hanover County that said Southard was in the regular Army and that shortly after the war he was married to my sister Mary Ann Madison at the said Thomas died some 15 years ago as well as my memory serves me and that he left the said Mary Ann his widow and that she has remained his widow ever since – I am positive that they were married prior to the year 1785.

Given under my hand this 9th day of September 1839

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<sup>3</sup> FPA S5724

S/ Wm Madison, X his mark

[f p. 23: Hensley Grubbs also gave an affidavit in support of the widow's claim. His affidavit is dated August 22, 1839 and signed by his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 24th, 1818, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]