

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Thomas W22413                      Rebecca Thomas                      MD  
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State & Commonwealth of Kentucky

Hardin County }  
and District Sc }

On this seventh day of September 1818 before me the subscriber, Circuit Judge in and for the fifth Judicial district of Kentucky & sole Judge of the Hardin Circuit Court in said district personally appeared James Thomas aged sixty three years resident of the State of Indiana who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement & 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 service of the United states in the revolutionary war' That he the said James Thomas enlisted in the state of Maryland and in the City of Baltimore in the summer of the year 1776 in the Company of Captain David Plunket [sic: David Plunkett; company raised in Maryland] in the fourth Regiment of light dragoons in the Continental service that he continued to serve in the said rigiment from the time of his enlistment untill the year 1782 at the conclusion of the war when he was discharged at Lancaster Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and at the taking of lord Cornwallis at Little york [19 Oct 1781] that his discharge is lost or destroyed by time or accident that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support that he has never been allowed any provision under any law of the United States, and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services.

I Alfred Metcalf Judge as aforesaid do further certify that this day John McCandless [pension application W8441] made oath before me that he served in the same corps of light Dragoons with said Thomas for three years during the was of the revolution, that he has been acquainted with said Thomas & his circumstances for several years, that said Thomas is unable to labour hard, and is in indigent circumstances so that he needs the assistance of his country for support.  
Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818.

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Lawrence Circuit Court June Term 1820

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 Personally came the said James Thomas named in the foregoing declaration and being first duly sworn in open Court on his oath States that he did enlist in the service of the united States in year 1776 in baltimore in the State of Meriland in the Company Commanded by David Plunket as set forth in the foregoing declaration that the said Company wintered the following Winter in Baltimore, that in the Spring of 1777 said Company or Troop marched to Philidelphia with other Companies and were there joined or formed into a a Regiment afterwards known by the name of the 4<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment of Light Dragoons which Regiment was Commanded by Col. Stephen Moyland [sic: Stephen Moylan]. that he continued in service is said corps until the close of the war that he received a wound in the Battle of Jermintown and another in the Battle of the taking of Savanah in the state of Georgia [probably skirmish at Ebenezer GA on 23 Jun 1782 during Siege of Savannah, 12 Apr - 11 Jul 1782] That the following schedule contains a correct statement of his property according to the act of Congress in such case made and provided to wit  
one mare and colt two Cows a small stock of Hogs and three head of Sheep Beding and Wearing aperil excepted and further saith not

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Lawrence Circuit Court the Term of October 1820

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being the Court aforesaid,

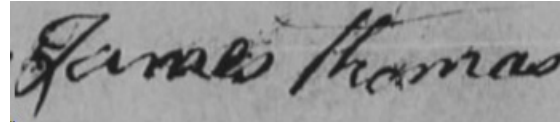
and Court of record for the county aforesaid, James Thomas, aged sixty eight years, or thereabouts, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 & the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said James Thomas enlisted for the term of the duration of the War, in the fall of the year 1776 in Baltimore State of Maryland, in the company commanded by David Plunket Capt in the Regiment commanded by Col Stephen Mayland of Dragoons, in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the continental establishment, that he continued in service in said corps untill the close of the war in 1782 [sic] when he was discharged from the said service in Lancaster Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Germantown where he received a wound & at the taking of Savannah, and that he has no other evidence now in his power – and the said James Thomas further solemnly swears that he was a resident of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. to wit One mare and colt two cows a small stock of hogs in number about 17 large & small & three sheep that his occupation is that of a farmer but is unable to pursue it by reason of age debility and two wounds received in said service that he has no family now with him but his wife Rebecca Thomas aged near 52 and able to contribute very little to her support. Sworn to and declared on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1821 before the undersigned Judges of the Lawrence Circuit Court aforesaid.

[William Erwin and William Fields]

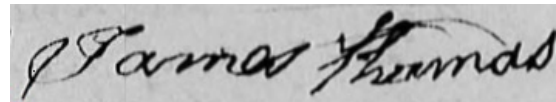
James Thomas

#### NOTES:

On 29 Oct 1825 James Thomas applied to have his pension transferred from Indiana to Kentucky. He signed as shown.

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On 26 Nov 1831 James Thomas applied to have his pension transferred to Illinois, having moved from Kentucky to Indiana to Sangamon County for the following reason: “for the purpose of liveing with his sons as the first removed to Kentucky and then afterwards to this state and the said James Thomas being advanced in age and not able to attend to his own business and wished his said sons to attend to his business for him.” He stated that he had served under Capt. David Hopkins, and he signed as shown.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Thomas". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

On 5 Nov 1840 Rebecca Thomas, 70, of Menard County IL, applied for a pension stating that she married James Thomas on 8 April 1793, and he died on 2 Nov 1833. On 30 Nov 1840 John Watkins stated that James Thomas and Rebecca Logsdon were married on or about 8 April 1793. Transcribed below is “a copy of the Record of James & Rebeccah Thomas taken from their family Bible.”

On 2 Dec 1841 Rebecca Thomas stated that James Thomas “was wounded in the leg and it afflicted him through his life and often would break out after it had been healed up that it would break out and run for several months together and and continued worse til his death and it gatherd and broke internally which caused his Death.”

On 5 Oct 1844 Rebecca Thomas applied to have her pension transferred to Kentucky, having moved to Hart County because “she had several children & relations living in the State of Kentucky and wished to be near them & her husband formerly lived in Kentucky.” She stated that James Thomas had

“belonged to the company commanded by Captain Hopkins in the regiment commanded by Colonel Posey.” The service with Col. Thomas Posey was probably during the siege of Savannah. On 20 Oct 1845 Rebecca Thomas applied to have her pension transferred back to Illinois, having moved back to Menard County because her children were living in Illinois.

[fir]st James Thomas was born 1750  
2d Rebecca Logston was born March the 10<sup>th</sup> 1770  
3d James Thomas and Rebeca Logston was married April the 8<sup>th</sup> 1793  
Childrens ages Elizabeth Thomas was born June 27 1795  
2 William Thomas was born May 30<sup>th</sup> 1798  
3 James V Thomas was born June 2d 1800  
Deaths} James Thomas died November the 2<sup>d</sup> 1833