

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Thrasher ¹ W2373 Saluda Thrasher f56GA

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Inferior Court adjourned Term November Session 1832

On this day personally appeared in open Court, it Being a Court of Record (now sitting) George Thrasher a resident of said County of Gwinnett & State aforesaid aged Seventy Seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, Doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated (to wit) That he entered the service at the age of twenty years which was about in the year 1775 in St. Paul Parish in Georgia now called & known as Columbia County Georgia he there resided as a volunteer under the command of Captain Marberry [Marbury?] he met the Company at Augusta Georgia marched from there to the Goose ponds now in Edgefield district South Carolina from there to from there to White Hall in the same District where we joined Colonel Thompson's [William Thomson's] Regiment -- from there to General WmSons [sic, Andrew Williamson's] Camp and under his command marched to Lindley Mill, on the waters of Reedy River -- there we joined the North Carolina Troops who were under the command of Colonel Martin thus was in the district of Ninety Six South Carolina after remaining there several days he was discharged and returned home to Georgia he continued in that kind of service from about the first of October till 23rd December 1775 making about three months service. In April or about the first of May 1776 he enlisted in a Troop of horse at Philips Fort in Wilkes County Georgia under the same Captain Marberry and marched from there to (about the head of) Ogeechee River in Georgia where we built a Fort called Marberry's Fort & remained there till about the 10th of September 1777 during which time he was employed in defending the Fort & in performing scouts or skirmishes in pursuit of hostile Indians he then marched from this Fort under the command of Captain Middleton to Augusta after remaining there a few days he marched to Savannah remained there a few days & marched to Midway in the County of Liberty Georgia, from there to the Altamaha River about 12 miles above Fort Barrington Colonel Scriven [sic, James Screven] commanded after he arrived at Liberty County, on the Altamaha as above stated we had an engagement with one Colonel McGirt [Daniel McGirt] who had command of a company of Indians, Tories & British, who were by us routed their property taken by the Company & some prisoners, from thence we immediately marched under command of Colonel Screven to Liberty County then under the command of Captain Middleton he marched to

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Savannah Georgia as was there discharged by Colonel Marberry who had been promoted to that office after he enlisted under him, -- he was employed in this kind of service as above stated about 18 months, he then returned home to the County of Columbia Georgia or what was called Wilkes County Georgia. In the month of February or first of March 1778 he enlisted at Savannah under Captain Lucas -- Major Habersham, Colonel McIntosh were there in command - - he remained there in the service as aforesaid in defending the Town -- about 3 weeks -- then the British landed there, and took possession of the town. And the evacuation took place and the officers & soldiers of the U.S. Army were dispersed & being without any Command or regular discipline he returned home -- & remained taking care of himself as well as he could till sometime in the year 1782 he believes in May or April when the town of Savannah was evacuated by the British -- he then returned to Savannah & there joined his Company wore the same Captain & other officers of this Company from that time he remained there in Garrison duty defending the town &c until peace was declared which was about November 1782. That he has a record of his birth in his possession -- He has no documentary evidence whereby he can establish his services. That he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his said Services after the close of the war he returned to his former residence -- where he remained about 14 years -- thence he removed to Franklin County in the State of Georgia and remained there about 20 years -- or 25 years -- From thence he removed to Habersham County in said State -- and there resided about 9 years -- whence he removed to his present residence in the County of Gwinnett and State of Georgia --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State -- Sworn & subscribed in open court the 23rd day of November 1832.

Attest S/ Wm. Maltbie, Clerk

S/ George Thrasher, X his mark

[Silas King, a clergyman, and Richard D. Beason gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Dear Sir

Savannah 1st of October 1833

In conformity with your request, I examined the military records in my possession and annexed a transcript of what related to George Thrasher, and shall be gratified if it enables him to establish his claim for pension.

Joseph Cumming Esqr.

I am very Resptly

Your Obed't Sert.

George Thrasher
of North Carolina
a Planter by trade or
occupation 25 years
of age 5 feet 11 ½ Inches
high dark hair & Complexion

Extract

Enlisted in the 1st Company
of Georgia Battalion in
the 24th of June 1782

at Gibson
for two (2)
years by Capt.
Lucas

George Thrasher Private of the above Battalion furloughed by resolution of Congress 26th May 1783

I Robert Habersham of the City of Savannah do swear that the above is a true Copy of a letter

from me to Joseph Cumming of Savannah, and that the Extract from the Military records is a Just and true Copy of said records so far as George Thrasher is concerned, among papers in possession of my family

S/ Robt. Habersham

Sworn to in Presence of me
this 4th of October 1833
S/ Elias Fort, J.I.C.C.C.

[p 11: On March 21, 1853 in Gwinnett County Georgia, Saluda Thrasher, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of George Thrasher; that she married him October 27, 1830; that he died July 13, 1849 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: marriage license issued in Gwinnett County Georgia to George and Saluda Bell, issued October 27, 1830.]

[p 18: On April 11, 1855 in Gwinnett County Georgia, Saluda Thrasher aged 76 filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of George Thrasher stating that she married him October 27, 1830; that they were married by James Edmanson, JP, in Gwinnett County, Georgia; that her name prior to her marriage was Saluda Bell.]

[p 48: on December 12, 1865 in Gwinnett County, Georgia Saluda Thrasher, 94 filed for the reinstatement of her pension as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier.]

Bracket Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount. After the Civil War when her pension was reinstated, the amount of her pension was increased to \$96 per annum effective July 27, 1868.]