

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Thomas W2974

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[f p 45]

The affidavit of Elisha Thomas of Wayne County Kentucky States that he is now fifty-eight years that he enlisted on the 12th day of January in the year 1777 in the County of Fauquers County [Fauquier County] & State of Virginia under Simon Morgan Lieutenant in Captain Robert Bell's Company in the 13 Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gipson [George Gibson] that he enlisted for three years & continued in service for three years & two months lacking ten days was then honorably discharged by Lieutenant Colonel Richard Campbell at Fort Pitt, he enlisted as a private Soldier, that he has lost his discharge for near 30 years he states that he does not know of any person by whom he can prove his service in this State. He further states that he is in reduced circumstances & is afflicted with rheumatism & stands in need of the provisions of the law passed the last session of Congress allowing provisions to persons who served in the Continental service nine months during the Revolutionary War. He further states that he was at the Battles of Germantown & Brandywine & other skirmishes.



[Frederick Cooper gave a supporting affidavit stating he believes the application to be true.]
[The application was acknowledged October 24, 1818 in Wayne County Kentucky]

[f p 11]

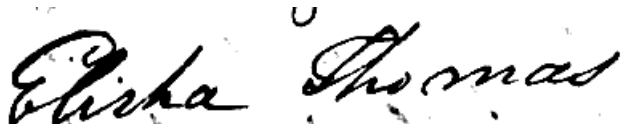
State of Kentucky Wayne County Sct

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Wayne County [indecipherable word] being a Court of record and in session Elisha Thomas a resident of Wayne County and State of Kentucky aged about seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress **passed** June 6th 1832 [sic June 7th 1832], that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of January in the year 1777 for the term or time of three years with Lieutenant Simon Morgan and served in the 13th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line under the following named officers Company officers Captain Robert Bell the Lieutenant not recollected the Ensign was by the name of Harris 1st Colonel George Gibson 2nd Colonel Richard Camel [Richard Campbell] the other field officers not recollected at the time I enlisted I was a citizen of Fauquier County State of Virginia I was rendezvoused at Pittsburgh and entered the service in a few days after I enlisted I marched from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia and at that place joined the main Army from thence back to Pittsburgh and to and fro in divers places not now particularly recollected I was in the following Battles to wit

Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] and in several skirmishes not particularly recollected I served the full time for which I enlisted and finally left the Army and was regularly discharged in the year of 1780 at Pittsburgh and received a discharge from Colonel Richard Camel which discharge has been lost or misplaced so that I cannot lay my hands upon it.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and I do hereby declare that my name was placed on the pension roll or agency of the State of Kentucky some 10 or 15 years since but from some cause I have only drew [drawn] full one-year and a half and have drew [drawn] nothing since.

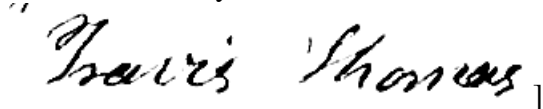
S/ Elisha Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisha Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court in the County Court of Wayne do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. Given under our hands as a Court of record the date above written.
S/ Robt. Belshe, JP W. C.

[f p 7: On March 28, 1839 in Wayne County Kentucky, Alcy Thomas, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Elisha Thomas a revolutionary war pensioner for his service in the Virginia Continental line; that she married him in the state of Virginia in the month of June 1777 or 1778; that her husband died December 24, 1834. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 8: Travis Thomas of Wayne County Kentucky gave a supporting affidavit stating that he is 28 years old and the son of Elisha and Alcy Thomas; that he knows his father was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that he has an older brother [not named] who is more than 48 years old.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Travis Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[f p 13: copy of a marriage bond dated May 24, 1788 issued in Fauquier County Virginia to Elisha Thomas and Benjamin Glasscock conditioned upon the marriage of Elisha Thomas and Alce Glasscock.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 24, 1818 for three years and two months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line . Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for a two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]

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Addendum to Elisha Thomas W2974

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 16 March 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Elisha Thomas a souldier in Capt. Robt. Bealls [Robert Beall BLWt431-300] Compy of the 9th Virg'a Reg't who was enlisted to serve the Turm of three years in the Contineal Army and has Serv'd the said time as a good and faithfull soulder and is now entitled to his discharge and is heareby Discharg'd Accordingly Given under my hand this at forte Pitt [Fort Pitt at Pittsburgh] this first day of March 1780

Rich'd Campbell [Richard Campbell BLWt347-450] Lt

Colo. 9th Virg'a Reg't

A Copy T. Meriwether