

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Tharp W3877

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State of North Carolina } Superior Court of Law  
Surry County } March Term 1826

At a Superior Court of Law begun and held for said County on 7<sup>th</sup> day of March AD 1826 before The Honourable Judge Daniel the same being a court of Record personally appeared in open court Jonathan Tharp aged Sixty three resident in said county of Surry in the State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his personal oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by acts of Congress on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said Jonathan Tharp enlisted in the continental army in the county of Accomack [sic: Accomack County VA] some time in the year 1779 under Captain Southey Capes of the [blank] regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Feebeaker [sic: Christian Febiger] for the term of eighteen months that he served the greater part of the said term in a fort on Wallops Island on the coast of Virginia near a place called Jinkateague [sic: Chincoteague] Inlet that while in the service aforesaid he and the rest of the company to which he belonged were captured by a British Privateer Schooner called the Irish Hero that he was immediately thrown into irons and kept thus fettered for twenty four hours under great suffering when the irons were removed but that he was imprisoned for four days after in the hold of the vessel where he was exchanged and served the remainder of said term of enlistment in a blockhouse on Potemkin river or inlet [possibly Metompkin Inlet] and was then discharged by Colonel John Copper [sic: John Cropper, pension application W3781] at that time Colonel of the regiment to which he belonged. That in a fortnight after he again enlisted for the war under Capt. John Kirkpatrick in the regiment commanded by Colonel Webb and Major John Paulson [sic: John Poulson] That he served part of the rest of the time in the counties of Cumberland and Chesterfield and was employed in many scouting and foraging parties and was engaged in several skirmishes [illegible word] that he was stationed in the above mentioned blockhouse of Potemkin when Cornwallis was captured at Little York [19 Oct 1781] across the bay in the neighbourhood that after the war was concluded he was discharged in writing by Colonel Feebicker at Cumberland old Court house but that he has lost this as well as the other discharge and that he has now no evidence of them or his services except his own oath. this declarant further swears that he is very infirm from age and a very bad affliction of one of his legs occasioned by the teeth[?] of a reptile many years since. That he has living with him two grown daughters one son 11 years old and two other daughters about ten years old (twins) That his wife is very infirm and unable to contribute to his support or that of the family That he has no trade or means of support except cultivating a poor piece of land for which he has to pay rent. — This declarant further maketh oath that in the year 1819 he applied before Judge Ruffin at Rockingham Superior Court for a pension in a declaration in proper form but it then appearing to the sender[?] that this declarant was owner of more property than would entitle him to the provision under the Act of Congress a certificate was not made. Since that time your declarant swears from misfortunes and enevitable hardships he has been reduced to a very low degree of poverty & want as is more fully set forth in the annexed Schedule and affidavits with the exhibits accompanying this declaration

I Jonathan Tharp aforesaid do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by sale or otherwise disposed of any part of my property with an intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 passed on 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or security contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained and exhibited in

the annexed Schedule and by me subscribed &c  
 Sworn to and I further swear that I am the person meant in the annexed affidavits of Wm. Moore John S  
 Creed [sic: Robert S. Creed] and the other exhibits sometimes called by the name of John Tharp. and the  
 declarant hereby relinquishes all claim or pretention to any pension until the filing of this declaration

Jonathan hisXmark Tharp

Schedule of property belonging to Jonathan Tharp on 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818

Discription of property	Sold to	time of sale	for what sold
one grey horse 12 yr old	Edward Bryan[?]	July 1823	twenty dollars in money
one cow & calf	J. Tenthark[?]	July 1823	\$10 in money
one cow & calf	Jesse Sanders	do	\$10 in money
one looking glass	Wm. Slade } under execution)	do	25 cts) to satisfy cts) execution of
three beds	Wm. Slade } under execution)	do	\$1.50 } Wm Slade } mentioned in
two pails some knives and forks plates one dish	Wm Slade } under execution)	do	2.50 } Tharps affidavit

One tract of land in Rockingham Count containing one hundred and sixteen acres adjoining Thomas  
 Settle & others sold to Abram Perkins for two hundred & fifty who [sic] was then esteemed to be good  
 but has since become worn out so that no part of the money is ever likely to be recovered the land was  
 sold on a prospect[?] of two years for one half the purchase money & three years for the other half.  
 Perkins became insovent about the time the first payment became due. This declarant further swears that  
 the deed of conveyance from him to Abram Perkins is in the possession of said Perkins and that if it has  
 ever been recorded it has been in the county of Rockingham a distance of Ninety miles from where the  
 declarant lives and that from his poverty and infirmity he is unable to procure a copy of the same. He  
 further states that in November 1821 he took a bond with a penalty from James Forkner which bond he  
 has transferred to Joshua Bays for the purpose of indemnifying him against the loss he sustained in  
 consequence of his Securityship in the notes for the purchase money of the land, that Forkner was to  
 convey to him said Tharp. that the demand on said Forkner under said title bond is not more than  
 sufficient to indemnify him for said loss – for that the amount of two hundred dollars was recovered on  
 the same by a suit in the court which has been conducted solely at the expense of said Bays and the  
 expense thereof in addition to what he said Bays has actually paid with interest on the same will probably  
 amount to two hundred dollars tho the exact amount has not been precisely ascertained

Scedule of property now in the possession of Jonathan Tharp March 7 <sup>th</sup> 1826	cts
one plow worth 25 cts one [illegible word] 30 3 hoes 30 cts	\$ .80
1 cotton wheel \$2 1 flax wheel \$3 1 pair cards \$1	\$6.00
one bed \$8 2 dishes 1 basin two plates 1 sett coffee cups } and saucers 1 tea pot worth together \$3 }	11
½ dozen spoons 25 cts one sett knives & forks 50 cts	4.50
two sows & three pigs about \$5	<u>5.00</u>
	\$24.05

I Jonathan Tharp make oath that the above is a full statement of all the property that I had on 18th of  
 March 1818 and since also the manner I have disposed of all true what I have now which I further swear  
 is a full statement of what I now have except my wearing apparel

Jonathan hisXmark Tharp

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Cumberland Old Courthouse lists Jonathan Tharp/ age 20/ height 5' 7"/ fair complexion/ born and residing in Accomack County where he enlisted on 23 Apr 1781 for 18 months.

On 11 May 1840 Eliza Ann Tharp, 64, applied for a pension stating that she married Jonathan Tharp on 20 Aug 1792, and he died 23 Jan 1833. She referred to "her several children." On 26 Aug 1846 she applied to have her pension transferred to Carroll County VA where she had moved for the following reason: "That she has for many years resided with her Son Thomas Tharp who sold his lands in North Carolina and removed to Carroll County, Virginia, and she desires to remain with him removed at the same time." On 5 Dec 1855 she applied for bounty land, stating that her age was 80 and that her name was Eliza Ann Sanders (elsewhere spelled Saunders) at the time of her marriage in Pittsylvania County VA. The file includes a copy of the marriage bond signed 15 Aug 1791 with Matthew McGlosson as surety. By 26 Nov 1864 she had returned to Surry County, where she died 10 Apr 1872 at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Galyen. In 1866 she applied for resumption of her pension following the Civil War, giving her age as 92.

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Addendum to Jonathan Tharp W3877

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

William Thornton Sen'r aged about 76 years made oath before me that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Tharp of this County & that said Tharp enlisted in Tho Parkers [Thomas Parker BLWt1741-300] Company in the line of the Revolutionary War & served till the War ended.

And I certify that said Thornton is a man of unquestionable veracity.

Witness my hand at Accomack Co this 28<sup>th</sup> June 1833 as a Justice of the peace

Nath'l Topping

I Wm. R Custis a Justice of the peace in & for Accomack Co certify that Parker Copes [S39350] came before me & made oath that he served 18 months in Thomas Parkers company of infantry in the Va Continental line in the Revolutionary War and that Jonathan Tharp enlisted in said Company to serve during the War & that he did serve till the War ended.

And I certify that said Copes is a man of truth & entitled to full confidence as a witness. Given under my hand & seal at Accomack Co this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 Wm. R. Custis JP

NOTE: There are also papers relating to this soldier in [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#), but they provide no additional information.