

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Billups W3927      Sarah      fn78NC  
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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions – November Term 1842

On this the 29th day of November 1842 personally appeared in open Court Sarah Billups a resident of the County of Edgecombe aged seventy-two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows" –

That she is the widow of Thomas Billups who was a musician in the Army of the revolution – that she does not know when he entered the service nor how long he continued therein – That he resided in Bertie County North Carolina at the time he entered the service & was a volunteer = that she has often heard her said husband speak of battles which he witnessed and of the country through which he marched but she does not now recollect the names of the places –

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Billups on the 27th day of December 1793 – That her husband the aforesaid Thomas died on the 22nd of March 1809 – That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 at the time above stated. And that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Thomas Billups.

S/ Sarah Billups

[fn pp. 6-7: affidavit of Richard Billups dated May 4th, 1846 given in Edgecombe County North Carolina attesting to the validity of the family record attached to his affidavit; he states that all of the entries on such family record were made by his father except for the last 2 which were made by William Bogman, a school master; that he, his mother and his brother William in about 1824 moved from Bertie County North Carolina to Edgecombe County North Carolina where he now lives; that his mother died in the latter part of May 1845.]

[fn p. 22]

A

Thomas Billups & Sarah Mohn [?] was Marid December the 27 in the year of our Lord 1793 Winifred Billups the Daughter of Thomas Billups and Sarh [sic] Billups his wife was borne

November the 23 day in the year 1796

Elizabeth Moore Billups the daughter of Thomas Billups and Sarh Billups his wife was born may the 17 day 1798

B

Richard Billups was bornd june the 21 day 1804

C

Ransom Billups the Sun [sic] of Thomas Billups and Sarah his wife was bournd November the 29 8042 [sic?]

William [too faint to read] of Thomas Billups and Sarah his wife [too faint] Born the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of [too faint] 1808

Thomas Billups Departed this life the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1809 God Rest his Sole [sic]

[fn p. 27: On October 8, 1852, in Edgecombe County North Carolina, William Billups of said County filed an affidavit and power of attorney stating that he is the administrator of the estate of Sarah Billups who departed this life May 1845; that she was the widow of Thomas Billups who died 43 years ago in the County of Bertie North Carolina; that Sarah Billups was about 75 years of age at the time of her death; that William Billups and Robert Billups are the only children and heirs at law of said Sarah Billups; that he, William, is now 44 years; that Richard Billups is now 50 years old

[fn p. 42]

State of North Carolina Secretary of States Office

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the Muster Rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Billops, a musician, and Captain McGlaughans Company of the 7th Regiment, was mustered on the 11th of March 1777 for the term of three years; and that it also appears, that Thomas Billops a musician in Captain Raiford's Company of the 10th Regiment, of said line, was mustered on the 15th of April, 1781, for the term of twelve months, and left the service on the 15th of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of December 1842.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Billups a musician in Captain McGlaughan's Company of the 7th Regiment, entered the service on the 11th day of March 1777 for the term of three years, and that a warrant for bounty land was issued for his said services, as a Drummer for three years, drawn by Doctor R. D. Barry on the 25th of November 1796 No. 4041.

Given under my hand this 7th day of September 1846

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[fn p. 52: on February 6, 1847, in Bertie County North Carolina, Hardy Bowen gave testimony that he was acquainted with Thomas Billups and his wife Sarah or Sally Billups "(whose maiden name was Mhorn [sic])"; that they lived together as man and wife and never heard it doubted that

they had been lawfully married. In p. 52, Thediah Keter, 84, gave a substantially identical affidavit to that given by Hardy Bowen.]

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1841 and ending 25th May 1845.]