

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Summersett (Sommersett, Somerset) W4826 Mary f47VA

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[f p. 13]

State of Ohio & Ross County Sct.

Be it remembered that this day came into open court of common pleas a court of record in and for said County of Ross Thomas Sommerset resident and citizen of said County of Ross who after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is in the seventieth year of his age as he verily believes and that he served in the revolutionary war enlisted under Colonel Armony [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Roueire] and Major's name Shofner [this MAY be a reference to George Schaffner] and Captain Libut [perhaps Captain Claudius de Bert] 1st Lieutenant Foutebue Cornet's name Gitten first [?] troop of horse called Armony's Legion in the summer or early of "seventy-nine" at Charlottesville Virginia for three years and from that place to Stanton [sic, Staunton?] thence to Winchester and at this place in "eighty-three" there was a beat up for volunteers for during the war and this deponent and or declarant among the first contracted for the war after which probably in eighty-one or eighty-two the troop marched to the North and got as far as little York Pennsylvania and were there discharged and their procured a certificate of pay and back rations and a discharge both of which are lost and I way this applicant cannot tell only that if both were lost during his apprenticeship in Staunton Virginia and that he is now in an indigent state and considerably debilitated in body unable to procure a comfortable living by the force of his own hands and the children living with him cannot contribute beyond their own support but little. Sarah aged twenty-seven lives with him, Ann twenty-five years, William twenty-three and Polly twenty years and Rebecca eighteen years of age, Kitty sixteen and two grandchildren four & six years of age and sons Henry & John who are married and have families living from him of the age of thirty-four and thirty-two years who are dependent on their own exertions and comparatively poor and a married daughter Elizabeth aged about twenty-nine years married to a Mr. Rollins and has a family to support and nothing to spare and that all the worldly property he is possessed of consists of the following articles, a small house and a lot in old town Ross County the house of log of the value of not more than one hundred twenty or thirty dollars in cash and even could not realize that sum in money and one bed and bedding one oven worth not more than \$20 and kitchen and cupboard furniture not exceeding in worth \$10 and chairs and tables not more than the like sum, and that he has not directly or indirectly transferred, sold & put away any property to procure the benefit of the pension laws of Congress in any way or at any time whatever and that he is honestly owing \$95.67 and that the above is all the property he now possesses and depends wholly on his own hands and the aid of his single children to get along at all, that debility now causes him though reluctantly to apply for this provision made by the laws of his country that he served and has only \$25 in money of any kind for that service as back rations residue [?] was not demanded and never looked for by applicant

and with pain this is sought for to help in the far decline of life and health.

S/ Thomas Summersett

sworn to and subscribed in open court March 9, 1824

Attest: S/ Humphrey Fullerton, Clerk

[f . p. 39]

State of Ohio Ross County Sct.

On the thirtieth day of October 1824 Personally appeared in open Court, the Common Pleas being a court of Record for the County of Ross Thomas Sommesett [sic] resident of said County of Ross in the seventieth year of his age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to declaration of 9th day of April last to render the same more strictly formal in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Thomas enlisted for the term of three years early in the summer of 1779 at Charlottesville Virginia in Armongs Legion commanded by Armong Major Shaffner Captain Libert, first Lieutenant Fontibue, Cornets name Gitlen styled first troop of horse or Armongs Legion that from Charlottesville he marched with the troops to Staunton thence to Winchester and at this place in the year 1780 there was a beat up for volunteers for serving the war and the declarant among the 1st contracted or enlisted for during the war after the time the troop in 1781 or 2 marched to the North and got as far as Little York Pennsylvania, and were there discharged and their procured a certificate of pay and back rations and a discharge both of which are lost in a way not known to declarant only as stated in attached declaration and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Schedule of Property: one small house and lot in Old Town Ross County not exceeding \$120, one bed and bedding, one cow not exceeding \$20, kitchen and cupboard furniture not exceeding \$10, chair and table not above like sum \$10, children living in the house with him Sarah aged 27, Ann 25, William 23, Polly 20, Rebecca 18 years &c &c as stated in accompanied declaration and part hereof.

S/ Thomas Somersett, X his mark

sworn to and declared on the 30th of October 1824 before the president & associate Judges of said Court in Session.

Attest S/ Humphrey Fullerton, Clerk

[Note: veteran filed yet another application dated March 31, 1825, while still living in Ross County Ohio in which she restates the description of his services and the extent of his property as set forth in his prior declarations.]

[f p. 24: On April 10, 1839 in Ross County Ohio, Mary Summersett, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Thomas Summersett, a pensioner of the United

States for his service in the revolutionary war; that she married him in the town of Winchester Virginia on the 5th day of December 1787 as appears in the record kept by Thomas in his own handwriting in the family Bible that remains in her possession; that she had ten children by her husband all of whose births are recorded in the said family Bible in her husband's handwriting, viz.: Susan born October 7 1788, Henry Stevens born February 7, 1790; John born August 28, 1792, Elizabeth born November 26, 1794, Sarah born May 16, 1797, Ann born December 8, 1799, William born November 29, 1801, Mary born December 29, 1803, Rebecca born March 6, 1806, and Catharine born June 18, 1808 all of whom are now living except Susan & Ann; that her husband died at his residence in Ross County March 5, 1834. She signed her application with her mark]

[f p. 25: Henry S. Summersett and Felix Wells gave an affidavit in support of the widow's application

*H. S. Summersett
Felix Wells*]

[f p. 19: Claim dated November 29, 1850 filed in Montgomery County of Ohio by William Summersette [sic], 48, on behalf of himself and the other surviving children of Mary Summersette deceased for the pension due her under the 1838 act as the widow of Thomas Summersette late of Ross County Ohio; that his parents were married December 5, 1787; that his father died March 5, 1834 leaving Mary his widow; that Mary died November 28, 1840 leaving the following children her surviving: Henry of Chillicothe Ohio; John of Section ten Van Wert County of Ohio; Elizabeth Rawlins of Sabina, Clinton County Ohio; Mary Tullis of Van Wert County Ohio; Rebecca Wells and Catharine Hurtt of Frankfurt Ross County Ohio and William of Pymont Montgomery County Ohio.

William Summersett]

[f pp. 2-5: family record, including the following data not already set forth above:

Thomas Summersett was Born June 15th 1754

Mary Summersett was Born October 11th 1764

Deaths

Susan Brown died September 16 1821

Ann Summersett died September 7th 1826

Mary Ann Brown died February 19th 1829

Thomas Summersett died March 5th 1834 aged 80 years 8 months and 18 days

Sarah Hopkins died October 15th 1839

Mary Summersett died November 28th 18 4876 years 1 month 16 days Consort of Thomas Summersett

Mary Wells was born September 15th 1827

Ann Wells was born July 5th 1829

William S. Wells was born August one, 1826

Sarah Elizabeth Wells was born August 16th 1831

Thomas Wells was born July 11th 1833
William Garrison Hurtt was born April 26 1830
Thomas Summersett Hurtt was born September 12, 1831
Sarah Elizabeth Hurtt was born December 3, 1832
James Wilson Hurtt was born July 24 1834
Mary Catharine Hurtt was born August 6, 1836
Maniseu [?] Jane Hurtt was born December 30th 1737
Peter S. Hurtt and Catharine Summersett were married April 24, 1829
James Tullis was born February 23 1828
Rebecah Ann Tullis was born November 15 1829
Katharine the daughter of William Summersett and his wife born July 16, 1826
Thomas Summersett Hurtt departed this life September 15th 1832
Ann Mariah Hurtt was born December 19th 1839
John Milton Hurtt was born June 25 1841
Rachel Ellen Hurtt was born March 25, 1843
Thomas Wesley Hurtt was born December 24, 1844
Tereasey Virginia Hurtt was born April 5, 1847
Isaac Newton Hurtt was born November 8, 1848

Deaths

Susanna Brown departed this life September 16th 1821 aged 33 years 1 month 9 days
Ann Summersitt departed this life September 7th 1826 aged 27 years 9 months & 5 days
Maryann Brown departed this life February 19th 1829 aged 15 years 4 months 11 days
William S. Son of Felix and Rebecah Wells died February the 22nd, 1826 aged one month and 22 days
Sarah Elizabeth Wells departed this life September 27th 1832

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 29, 1825, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's service as a private in the cavalry for 2 years.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection contains the following document relating to this veteran:

I do Certify that Thomas Summersett inlisted as a
Soldier in the legionary Corps commanded by Col Armand
in the late Continental Army for three years, that he
Served the said time in said Corps and was Regularly discharged
at York Town in Pennsylvania, That he was at the time
of his Entering the Service and still is a Citizen
of Virginia – Given under my hand this 12th day of July 1797
S/ Henry Bedinger late
Capt. 5th Virga. Regt.

I do certify that Thomas Summerville entered as a
Soldier in the Regimental Corps commanded by Col. Sherman
in the late Continental Army, for three years, that he
served the said time in said Corps and was regularly discharged
at York Town in Pennsylvania, that he was at the
time of his entering the Service, and still is, a Citizen
of Virginia - Given under my hand this 12th
day of July 1797

George Washington
Sept. 5th 1797