

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Minor¹ W5374

Elizabeth Minor

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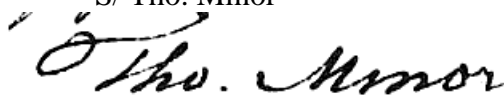
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[p 4]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828 I Thomas Minor of the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was in Officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such until I was reduced under the Act of 3rd & 31st of October 1780 and in consequence also of the time for which my Company was enlisted, having expired when I was appointed aid to General Stevens [Edward Stevens] in which capacity I served at the battle of York Town – at which period I was a Captain and when in actual command of my company belonged to the second Regiment of the Virginia line. –

The reason why I never received the Certificates or Commutation is that then I was in different circumstances and not in need of any bounty from the Govt and I never applied for the same knowing the fact that at that time, they were not worth the trouble of procuring. I always knew that I was entitled to such bounty because I held myself ready at any time to repair to whatever post I might have been ordered; consequently and virtually was in service until the end of the war when my services were known to me not to be further required, then and not till then. I consider myself as free from my engagement to serve during the War. –
Witness my hand, this the 18th day of January 1830.

S/ Tho. Minor



Before me George Turner – a Justice of the Peace in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia personally appeared, this day James Williams & A. M. Green of the said County, who did severally make oath that Thomas Minor by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is generally reputed and believed to have been an officer of the Army of the Revolution in manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand this the 8th day of January 1830.

S/ George Turner, JP

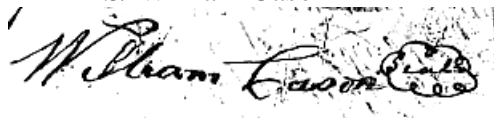
I William Cason² of Spotsylvania County, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Colonel

¹ BLWt1679-300 Va. Half Pay See N. A. Acc. No. 874 no. 050117 Half Pay Thomas Minor

Thomas Minor was and Officer in the Revolutionary war, holding the rate of Captain, and acting on Continental duty, & belonged to General Muhlenberg's Brigade. I enlisted under said Minor as a soldier in March 1777, and was under his command 3 years & that we were engaged in the battle at Monmouth.

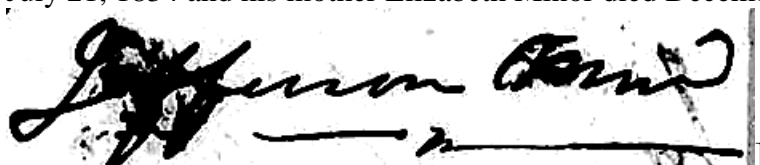
Given under my hand and & seal this 21st day of December 1829.

S/ William Cason

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Cason". To the right of the signature is a circular seal or stamp, partially obscured by the ink.

[p 15: On May 6, 1839 in Spotsylvania County Virginia, Hubbard T Minor of Spotsylvania County Virginia made a claim under the 1832 act stating that he is one of the sons of Thomas Minor who was a revolutionary war pensioner and whose representatives received half pay under the act of Congress of July 5, 1832 on account of the services of Thomas Minor as an officer in the revolution and is; that his father died July 21, 1834; and his mother died December 7, 1836 and that the following all the names and residences of his father's children viz.: Melinda Buckner, wife of George M Buckner of Missouri, Sarah Ann Lewis, wife of Addison M. Lewis of the state of Kentucky, Elizabeth Jackson, wife of William Jackson, James Minor, Jefferson Minor, Hubbard T. Minor [born August 1, 1796], Alice T. Minor and Ann Maria Scott wife of Frances W Scott all of the state of Virginia; In addition to the foregoing the late Thomas Minor had one other daughter named Patsey T. who intermarried with Henry T. Chivis, the said Patsey died in the lifetime of the said Thomas, leaving the following 9 children viz.: Thomas M. Chivis of Missouri, John M. Chivis, Sarah Halyard whose husband left her, since which she has obtained a divorce – Elizabeth wife of John Spencer, Ann H. wife of Benton R. Hamm and Mary E. wife of Alfred Clark all of the state of Kentucky.]

[p 11: On December 20, 1847 in Essex County Virginia, Jefferson Minor a resident of said County filed a claim seeking the benefit of the act of 1836 stating that he is one of the surviving children of Elizabeth Minor, deceased, widow of Thomas Minor of Spotsylvania County; that his mother Elizabeth Minor was married to the said Thomas Minor before the expiration of his term of service but this deponent cannot state the precise time of their marriage as the Bible record thereof was carried to the State of Kentucky by some member of his Father's family; they were however married before the Siege of York in 1781; that his parents were married in Caroline County Virginia in the Rappahannock Church in said County; that his father Thomas Minor died July 21, 1834 and his mother Elizabeth Minor died December 7th, 1836.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jefferson Minor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 18: facts in file, soldier married in 1780 in Caroline County Virginia Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel James Taylor. In addition to the children named in the application of Hubbard T. Minor, his parents had the following children who evidently died without heirs prior to their father's death: Nancy, Lucy, Thomas and John (twins)

² [William Cason S9157](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Captain in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing July 21, 1834 and ending December 7 1836 when she died.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 16-page file

[p 1]

Received 13 May 1830

In Council, 23rd March 1830,

It is Advised, that Thomas Minor be allowed land bounty as a Captain in the Virginia line on Continental establishment for services during the War.

S/ John Floyd



[p 3]

This is to Certify that Colonel Thomas Minor of Spotsylvania was a Captain in the Brigades of General Weeden [George Weedon] & Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] to the North on Continental duty. I was [indecipherable word or words] Officer in the same Brigade with him. Given under my hand this the 11th December 1829

S/ Abram Murray



[attested in the Corporation of Fredericksburg]

[p 4]

I James Williams do hereby Certify that Colonel Thomas Minor of Spotsylvania County was at the Siege of Yorktown, when the British Army under Cornwallis was captured, that he was there acting as an Officer, but in what Capacity [I] did not know, but [I] understood he was Aid to General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. Given under my hand this 8th day of January 1830

S/ James Williams, X his mark

[attested in Spotsylvania County Virginia]

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I do certify that Thomas Minor of Spotsylvania County was a Captain in the Army of the Revolution and that he Served to the end of the War, he wore his uniform until the Close of the War in 1783. Given under my hand this 28 Day of April 1830

S/ John Lampkin, X his mark

[Attested in Culpeper County Virginia]

[p 10]

I Richard Peacock of the Town of Fredericksburg aged 78 years do Certify that I have been

acquainted with Colonel Thomas Minor ever since my youth – that he was in the Army of the Revolution and I have always believed & understood that he served to the end of the War (in 1783). Given under my hand this the 6th day of April 1830

S/ Richard Peacock
late Lt. of the Revolution Armeey

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[p 11: copy of the affidavit of William Cason transcribed above]

[p 15]

To the Executive of Virginia

Your Petitioner Thomas Minor, of the County of Spotsylvania hereby Sheweth, that he was an Officer of the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution having entered the service first in a Volunteer Company & afterwards in the Minute Service in the spring 1775; was in actual service until after the battle of Yorktown, & remained in service until the close of the War, not having resigned, been superseded or cashiered. Your Petitioner has never heretofore felt in need of the aid of the Government, and never asked for the Land bounty to which he considered himself justly entitled, the justice of which can be abundantly proven. He became a supernumerary Officer after the battle of Yorktown, his actual services having terminated at that place, but held himself in readiness to serve his Country whenever called upon, & never until after the close of the war when he found his services no longer required, that he considered himself as freed from his engagements to serve throughout the War; His Commission as a Captain, he retained until long after the war, but never in former days intending to call upon the Government for any Bounty, it has been misplaced or destroyed; the fact however of his having served in that capacity with a regular Commission can be satisfactorily established. Your Petitioner believes that he is entitled to Land Bounty for eight years services, and asks that it may be allowed to him, and feels himself in duty bound to pray &c

S/ Thos. Minor
late Captain Revolution

[Attested in Spotsylvania County on February 22, 1830]