

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Thomas Bandy W5782
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State of Tennessee } SS
Sumner County }

On this the 12th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Sumner Thomas Bandy a resident of sd county of Sumner and State of Tennessee aged 85 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 7th 1832. That he entered in the army of the United States in the year 1781 as a drafted militia man in a company commanded by Capt. Jothan Richardson [sic: Jonathan Richeson] and served in said company for the term of three months. The number of the Regiment not recollected. he recollects that the name of the Col was Lynch [Charles Lynch of Bedford County VA] and that the major was one John Callaway. He entered the service he thinks in the county of Franklin [sic: formed in 1786 from Bedford and Henry counties] in the state of Virginia and marched to the Battle of Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. Applicant was in the Battle of Guilford, and after the Battle was over he continued until his three months had expired, when he was discharged by one Hale Talbot [sic: Haile Talbot], which Discharge applicant has lost or mislaid.

Applicant further states that he entered the service as a drafted militia man for a 2nd Tour of three months in a company commanded by one William Leftwich on the 1st of August 1781 – As soon as he entered the service the company to which applicant belonged marched directly to Yorktown. Applicant was in the engagement at Yorktown [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and remained until after the British surrendered. After the Battle was ended applicant got a discharge which was given by one Guy Smith the O. Sergant [Orderly Sergeant]. Applicant knows of no person living by whom he can the fact of actual service – nor has he any documentary evidence in his possession by which he can establish the facts set forth in his petition

1st Applicant was born in the county of Cumberland in the state of virginia in the year 1748. 2nd He has a record of his age at his residence in this county. 3rd He was living in the county of Franklin in the State of Virginia when called into service; he resided in Bottytott [sic: Botetourt] County in the state of Virginia after the war, and about [illegible] years ago he removed to this County of Sumner in the state of Tennessee where he has been residing ever since and where he now resided. 4. He entered the service as a drafted militia man. 5th The names of the Regular officers and all the officers whose names he can recollect have been already stated. 6. He received two discharges one given by Hale Talbot and the other by Guy Smith. these discharges have been lost. 7th He states the names of the Rev. Abraham Martin and Bartholomew osburn residing in the neighbourhood of applicant who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declairs that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Thomas hisXmark Bandy

[On 12 Aug 1837 Nancy Bandy, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Bandy on 12 Oct 1777, and he died 18 Oct 1835. See endnote.]

State of Tennessee }
Smith County }

On this day personally appeared Carey Bandy before me Edward Bradley one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and

made oath that he is about Sixty eight years of age that he is one of five children that his father Thomas Bandy Sen had by his first wife. That he recolects verry well when his father married Nancy Bandy the foregoing named applicant for a Pension That when they came home from the marriage there was several of their friends and neighbours came home with them; they took dinner at his fathers it was the day of the marriage. When they first came in his father introduced his children by saying here is a mother for you he has no doubt but they were legally married the company went home most of them in the evening and some staid all night. Some time after this his father went in the service and served one of his tours at the taking of Cornwallis at Little York and when he came home he fired his gun on top of a hill above the house this affiant and his stepmother and all the children were much scared and frightened that it was tories; but at length they saw his father coming they met him with great Joy. That he is the identical Thomas Bandy a Pensioner Dceased late of Sumner County and that Nancy Bandy the foregoing aplicant is his widow Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of September 1837

[signed] Cary Bandy

NOTES: Thomas Simmons of Smith County TN, about 70, deposed that he lived about two miles from Thomas Bandy and Nancy Burns in Bedford County when they were married. Jonas Meador (pension application R7081) of Smith County, 79, also deposed that he had been a neighbor of Thomas Bandy and Nancy Burns before and after they were married, and that they were married in the same week as himself (22 Nov 1778). As proof of marriage Nancy Bandy submitted an original family record transcribed below.

The Ages of Thomas Bandy his Wives and His Children

Thomas Bandy Was Born June 22^d 1748

Nancy Bandy Was Born March 1757

James Bandy Son of Thomas and Nancy Bandy Was Born December the 27th 1786

Elihu Bandy Was Born June the 9th Day 1788

Elizabeth Bandy Was Born Apriel the 4th Day 1790

Robert Dobson Bandy Was Born the 15 Day of feb'y. 1792

Herasha Bandy Was Born August the 13 Day 1794

[The following is in different handwriting:]

nancy Bandy was bornd febery 12 1811

samyel vanover was bornd febery 8 1811

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[The following is in the same handwriting as the first entries:]

The names of Thomas and Polley Bandys Children

Phebe Christain Christain Was Born October 1765

Cary Bandy Was Born October 30 Day 1769

Richard Bandy Was Born July 10 Day 1771

Elizabeth Bandy Was Born Feb'y the 7 day 1773

Martha Bandy Was Born Aug't. the 8 Day 1775

Thomas Bandy Was Born Aug't the 8 Day 1775