

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thacker W6263

Susannah

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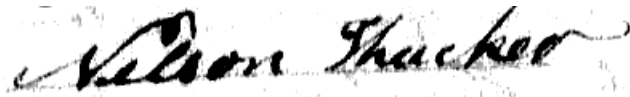
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State of Virginia Hanover County: to wit – On this 1st day of February 1837, personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid Susannah Thacker a resident of said County and State, aged seventy-eight 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836: That she is the widow of John Thacker who was a private soldier in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution. That the said John Thacker was a resident of the said County of Hanover when he enlisted and entered the service. The date of said enlistment she can't remember. That he was in said service at the time of the siege of York in Virginia [September – October 1781] and remained in the service until the final breaking up and discharge of the Army. She believes he was amongst the last two left the service. She remembers hearing him speak of the Marquis Lafayette – He was under one Colonel Taylor, and attended on one Doctor Brown who she believes was a Surgeon in the Army. She recollects of frequently hearing her said husband say how well he fared after he was placed with said Doctor Brown – She heard him speak of Colonel Meredith's son being killed by the English Light Horse – the lapse of time has been so great that she cannot state more circumstantially what she has often heard related by her said husband as to the particulars of his service – and she relies upon the evidence which the records of the Country may exhibit for proof of those services. She further declares that she was married to the said John Thacker in the County of Charles City Virginia, by one Parson James Bradley on the 2nd day of April in the year 1781.

The said Parson Bradley has been long since dead – That her said husband, the aforesaid John Thacker died on the \_\_day of October 1824 – and left a will which was written for him several years before his death and is recorded in Hanover County Clerk's Office, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Nelson Thacker

S/ Susannah Thacker, X her mark



[f p. 7: On February 1, 1837 in Hanover County Virginia, Hudly Thacker, gave testimony that she intermarried with one of the sons of Susannah Thacker and John Thacker; that the eldest child of John and Susannah was named Elizabeth Thacker who if living would be 54 years old; and though she, affiant, has no personal knowledge of the marriage of John and Susannah (Roach), allowing for their marriage one year before the birth of their child, they would have

been married at least 55 years ago; that John nor Susan [sic] Thacker "were not acquainted with the art of writing & in consequence did not keep a register of their marriage as she has always supposed."]

[f p. 3: On May 2, 1837 in Hanover County Virginia, Nelson Thacker gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application for a pension in which she confirms that his mother has remained a widow since the death of his father John Thatcher who died in October 1824.]

[f p 12]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1784, in the name of John Thacker as a Soldier of Infantry for £19.3.5, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Francis Graves and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1837

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 22: Sarah Harris of Hanover County Virginia gave testimony that she lived in Charles City County Virginia at the time of the marriage of John Thacker to Susan Roach; at which time affiant was 15 years of age; that she is now 70 years of age and will be 71 on September 26 next; that John and Susan were married by a Baptist preacher near the long bridge in Charles City County; that at the time of their marriage there was great alarm in the area conceiving the British were then in Virginia.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]