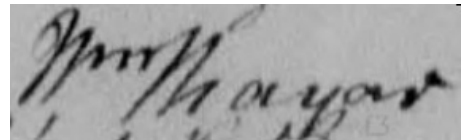


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Thayar (Thayer) W6265                      Mary Thayar    VA  
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Fauquier County District and State of Virginia

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 before me the subscriber, presiding and sole Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the county of Fauquier in the said District and State of Virginia personally appeared William Thayar resident in the said county of Fauquier and State aforesaid, aged Sixty seven years who being by me just and duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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; that he the said William Thayar in the year 1776 enlisted as a common Soldier in a company commanded by Capt. Burgess Ball [Burgess Ball BLWt252-500] Dec'd. in the county of Lancaster for the term of two years – after serving said term he the said Wm Thayar enlisted again under the said Capt. Burgess Ball for the term of three years; before the expiration of which term he enlisted again under Capt. John Blackwell [BLWt264-300] (now Gen'l.) for, During the War; all of said enlistments being on the continental establishment – that he served the United States under the said enlistments more than Six years – that he was in in the advance at the capture of the Hessians at Trenton [26 Dec 1776]; was at the actions of Trenton and Princeton [3 Jan 1777] on the first and second of January following; was at the Battles; of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], the advance at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], at Gen'l. Morgans capture of Colo. Tarltons foot soldiers [Gen. Daniel Morgan's capture of troops of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton at Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781], at the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781], Guilford Courthouse [NC, 15 Mar 1781], and at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781] and various Skirmishes that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for a support and that he has no other evidence of his aforesaid services except the annexed affidavit of Joseph Verone [S41283] now in his power

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Wm Thayar". The signature is written on a light-colored background.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 personally appeared before me the subscriber Presiding and Sole judge of the Superior Court of Law for the county of Fauquier in the State and District of Virginia Joseph Verone and made oath that he became acquainted with the above applicant William Thayar at the camp of the United States Revolutionary Army at Ashley hill, in the State of South Carolina, then called Sarjeant Mager Thayar, that the said Thayar continued in the service of the United States in the said Revolutionary war until the proclamation of peace after which he the said Joseph Verone and the said William Thayar parted at Charleston South Carolina before they were discharged

District of Virginia Sct. On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Fauquier made so by express provision of Law William Thayer aged sixty nine years resident in the County of Fauquier in the said State who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that I served in the Revolutionary War as follows That I said William Thayer inlisted in the said Service to the best of his recollection in the Autumn of 1775 with a Captain Burgess Ball (who was afterwards promoted to Colonel Ball in the County of Lancaster in said District for the term of Two Years and was attached to the fifth Virginia Regiment at the expiration of said Term I enlisted under Captain Henry Fauntleroy who was killed at the Battle of Monmouth of the same Regiment for the term of Three Years that before the expiration of said Term I enlisted under Captain John Blackwell of

Fauq'r County in said District for the Term of during the war and was attached to the third Virginia Reg't. That during the said Service I was at the Battles of Brandywine Germantown and Monmouth. That I was at the Capture of the Hessians at Trenton and was engaged against the enemy on the first and second of January following at Trenton and Princeton that I was with General [Nathanael] Greene at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs and General Morgan at the Cowpens that I was at the siege & Capture of Lord Cornwallis in Virginia after which I marched to the South in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Posey [BLWt1733-450] and joined General A Wayne [Anthony Wayne] in the State of Georgia and continued in the South untill the proclamation of Peace in Savanna [sic: Savannah]

That I was carteled from Charleston South Carolina to Richmond Virginia where I received my discharge that exclusive of the before mentioned engagements I was in a variety of Skirmishes in both the Northern and Southern States that I was seven years and Ten months in the said service during which time I served as a private Corporal Sergant and Sergant Major and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 To wit One Broad axe Two narrow axes 1 drawing knife 1 Foot adze 1 set of Bench Planes some carpenters chissels two old Hoes and a plough which said articles so as aforementioned the Court doth appraise to the the sum of Twelve Dollars Wm Thayer I do further declare that my occupation is that of a course Carpenter that in common I enjoy good health and considering that the addition of less than three months will finish my seventieth year under these circumstances I leave to others to Judge of my ability to pursue my avocation that I married a wife January 1786 who is now living with me and who has through me nine living sons and seven Daughters that in the late Conflict with the British Government one of my sons entered the United States cavalry under Captain Little John two others the Virginia Militia one of whom died at Norfolk My present family the aforementioned wife aged about fifty two years (infirm) Sons Hiram aged 18 years Albert aged 9 years Taliaferro aged near 8 years Daughters Betty aged 13 years & Frances Eleven years That my original Declaration was before Judge Robert White in the Second week of April 1818 and my pension Certificate is dated on the 8 day of May<sup>th</sup> 1818 and Numbered on the Back thereof 317

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Sir 10<sup>th</sup> May 1785

Please send by Colo Jesse Ewell our pay and bounty due for our service in the army since December [undeciphered] to the end of the war as Certificates for the same. your H'ble Servts

To W Dunscombe

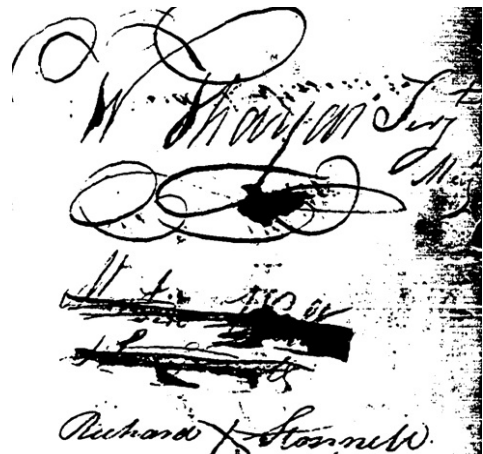
Cont'l Agent of Army [undeciphered]

John [undeciphered]

W Thayar Serg't Maj'r

[two undeciphered names]

Richard X Stonnell [Richard Stonnel VAS4508]



The image shows a section of a document with several handwritten signatures and stamps. At the top, there is a large, cursive signature that appears to be 'W. Thayer'. Below it, there is another signature, possibly 'John [undeciphered]'. There are also some illegible stamps and markings, including what looks like a date '1785' and some scribbled-out text. At the bottom, there is a signature that reads 'Richard X Stonnell'.

State of Virginia; County of Fauquier Ss.

William Thayar being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, doth say, that he the said William Thayar enlisted in Lancaster county in the State of Virginia on or about the Spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy five into the company commanded by Captain Burgess Ball in the fifth regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Peachy in the Virginia line on continental establishment for the term of two years; that deponent served in the said line near the term enlisted for; when in the year of 1777 he again enlisted in Middlebrook, State of New Jersey into the company commanded by the aforesaid Captain Burgess Ball in the fifth Regiment commanded by Colonel [blank] in the Virginia line on continental establishment for the term of three years; that deponent served in the said line near about two years, when he again enlisted at Princeton in the State of New Jersey in or about the year 1779 into the company commanded by Captain Thomas Gaskins [BLWt867-450] in the third regiment commanded by Colonel [blank] in the Virginia line on continental establishment for; During the War; that deponent served in the said line until the proclamation of Peace in the year 1783 when he was honorably discharged by Colonel Thomas Posey at Charleston in the State of South Carolina.

That deponent was at the battles of York Island [16 Sep 1776], Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth, and several skirmishes to the North, and in the South, at Guilford, Cowpens, and Eutaw Springs, and Seige of York town in Virginia and several Skirmishes, That deponent was in continental service in the Virginia line on continental establishment more than seven years, during which time he served as a private, corporal, Sergeant and Sergeant Mager; That deponent never received any bounty in land for his service.

That deponent is Seventy Six years of age; was at the time of his enlistment, of dark complection, dark eyes, black hair, five feet, seven and three quarter Inches highh, and further saith not



To His Excellency the Governor and Members of the Privy Council of the State of Virginia.

The Petition of George Thayer, William Thayer, John Thayer, Hiram Thayer, Albert Thayer, Taliaferro Thayer, Sally Thayer, Nancy Thayer, Polley Thayer, Catharine Thayer, Elizabeth Thayer, and Francis Thayer, Sons and Daughters, and heirs at Law of William Thayer deceased, Humbly sheweth, that they are the Sons and Daughters of William Thayer deceased whose names will be found upon the Records of the Virginia Continental Line of the Army of the United States, as a Sergeant Major in the Regiment of Col. Thomas Posey, and among those who enlisted for, and served to the end of the Rev'y War. That as such, he became entitled to and did receive, a Land Warrant on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1794, for one hundred acres of Land, as per a Certificate of the First Clerk of the Bounty Land Office, War Department, in the City of Washington, herewith sent, will appear.

That the said William Thayer became also entitled to a Land Bounty from the State of Virginia, which he never received, and having died intestate in the year 1828, the said Claim devolves on the above named Petitioners as his heirs at Law.

They therefore pray your Hon., Body, to grant to them a Warrant for such portion of Land as their said Father became entitled to, and your Petitioners as in duty bound whall ever pray &c &c.

Department of War/ Bounty Land Office/ June 7<sup>th</sup> 1833

I certify that, the name of William Thayar is returned on the records of the Virginia Continental line, on file in this Department, as a Sergeant Major, of Colo. Thomas Poseys Regiment, and among those men designated as having inlisted for, and served to the close of the war. I further certify that, it appears by the records in this Office, Land Warrant No. 12613 for 100 Acres, issued on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1794 to the aforesaid William Thayar.

Wm. Gordon First Clk.

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse probably in the spring of 1781 lists the following: William Thayar, age 24, height 5' 7 1/2", black hair, black eyes, dark complexion, farmer, born in Prince William County, residing at Dumfries in that county, enlisted at Lancaster County for the war having previously served more than two years.

On 14 Nov 1843 Mary Thayer, about 64, living in Loudoun County VA, applied for a pension stating that she had been married to William Thayer but could not remember the dates of the marriage or his death. On an application for bounty land dated 1 July 1856 her age is given as about 84 and her maiden name as Mary Evans. On 28 Oct 1862 she stated that she had moved to Alexandria County because "she prefers being with her Friends in Alexandria." On 26 Dec 1853 Elijah B. Sinclair, about 47, stated that William Thayar had died 20 to 25 years previously and that he had been married to Mary Evans at his house by William Williamson, a Presbyterian minister. Thomas Jones, 48, stated that the marriage had occurred about 30 years previously.

The file includes the following letter:

Hon. G. V. Raum,/ Com. of Pensions,/ Dear Sir

I am requested to bring to your notice a Widow's Pension Claim for accrued pension, to wit, Mary Thayer was granted a pension being the widow of William Thayer, a private in the revolutionary War – he died in the year 1834 –his pension then ceased. The widows pension did not commence till the year 1854 by the act of congress Feb 3 1853. In the year 1861 the accrued pension claim passed the lower house of Congress, but was not further acted upon from the lack of funds at that period in the US Treasury. In the year 1865 Mary Thayer was drowned while returning from her regular trip to collect her pension, crossing from Edward's ferry to Leesburg where she lived with her daughter, evidence showed she had been robbed, when the body was found. She left an only child Mrs. Francis Beach – who seeks to recover the accrued pension from the year 1834 to 1854. The pension is recorded in the pension office on the role of pensions under the act of Feb 3, 1853 page 130 Vol A

Respectfully yours/ John Hunter/ 207 King St/ Alex. Va