

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Thomas W6274

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North Carolina, Iredell County

On the 20th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful County Court of Iredell County, now sitting, John Thomas, a resident of Iredell County, North Carolina, Aged Seventy 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That the said John Thomas entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia soldier in the month of January 1781 for the period of three months in the County of Halifax, State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Capt. Charles Wall in the Regiment afterward Commanded by Maj. Jones & Col. Fleming; that they marched from Halifax County aforesaid to Petersburg [Petersburg], Virginia, from thence to a place called Cabin Point in Surry County about twenty eight miles below Petersburg; at Cabin Point the Regiment under Major Jones remained for about a month; from thence they marched to Suffolk where they met with General Mughlinburgh [sic, Peter Muhlenberg], the British having burnt & destroyed Suffolk before the arrival of the American Troops at that place, he with the other Troops were ordered from Suffolk to Portsmouth; at Portsmouth the American Troops took the Picket Guard of the enemy; that the Guard being in Portsmouth & confining themselves to that point; the American troops returned to Suffolk, their head quarters at that time; that having marched backward & forward between Portsmouth & Suffolk several times, the troops on the expiration of their term of Service, were discharged above Suffolk at a place called Black Water Bridge in the State of Virginia.

And the said John Thomas further states that he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia soldier about the first of September 1781 for the period of three months; that he marched from Halifax County, Virginia under the Command of Capt. John Faulkner, that they marched from Halifax County aforesaid to Petersburg, Virginia from thence to Rewsom's [?] Spring below Cabin Point; from thence to Old Williamsburgh [Williamsburg] & on to the Siege of York Town in Virginia; that he remained in service at York Town till the surrender of Lord Cornwallis; that not long after the surrender he was discharged, as well as he now recollects in the beginning of November 1781 - that he has no documentary evidence to offer, that he received a written discharge for the first tour from Capt. Charles Wall & for the second tour from Capt. John Faulkner which discharges were both destroyed by the burning of his dwelling house in Halifax County Virginia in the year 1822, that he now resides in Iredell County

North Carolina one hundred & forty or fifty miles from where he resided at the time of service which renders it very difficult for him to procure the testimony of his old fellow Soldiers. But notwithstanding he has procured the evidence of Moses Epps¹ of Halifax County aforesaid, who served in the War of the Revolution with him & whose Affidavit will accompany this declaration.

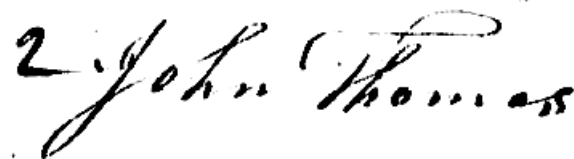
Answering to interrogations by the Court,

1. I was born in Amelia County, Virginia May 8th 1762.
2. I have a family record, there is no public one that I know of
3. I were living in Halifax County, Virginia where I continued to reside until the year 1823 when I removed to Iredell County, N. Carolina where I now reside
4. I was called into service by draft
5. I Received a written discharge for the first tour from Capt. Charles Wall & for the second tour from Capt. John Faulkner which discharges were destroyed by the burning of his dwelling house in Halifax Virginia in the year 1822
6. He knew General Muhlenberg in his first tour, also Major Jones & Col Fleming & in the second tour he knew Col Rogers & Col Dick or Dix as he believes the name to be. Likewise he knew Genl. Washington, the Commander in Chief, when he saw him at York Town.
7. I refer to John Carlton formerly of Halifax County, Virginia, & now my neighbor in N. Carolina for corroborating evidence, in respects my services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War. I also refer to said Carlton & to Basil Gaither also my neighbor in Iredell County, N. Carolina to certify to my character &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 20th day of November 1832.

S/ John Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Thomas". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

I John Carlton residing in the County of Iredell N. Carolina, hereby certify that I have been well acquainted with John Thomas for more than twenty years, that I knew him when he resided in Halifax County, Virginia, that I believe him to be seventy years of age, that he was reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resided to have been a Soldier of the Revolution & that I concur in that opinion & I do also certify that said John Thomas has always been considered a man of strict veracity since my acquaintance with him.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Carlton

1 [Moses Epps S6822](#)

I, Basil Gaither, residing in the County of Iredell North Carolina do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with John Thomas who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration for several years, that I believe him to be a man of veracity that I believe him to be seventy years of age; that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to be a Soldier of the Revolution, & that I concur in that opinion.
Sworn to in open court & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Basil Gaither, X his mark

[William Holt, clerk of Halifax County, Va., gives an affidavit of the marriage of John Thomas to Sally Younger by Leonard Baker on December 4, 1793.]

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Virginia, Halifax County

This day personally appeared before me John S. Lewellen one of the commonwealth's justices of the peace for the County aforesaid Moses Epps, now a citizen of said County, and made oath that John Thomas marched from the County aforesaid under the command of Captain Charles Wall to Portsmouth, and served a three month tour of duty as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and there placed under the command of Colo. Fleming - and after the expiration of said tour the said John Thomas was discharged to the best of his Knowledge and returned home, that in the ensuing fall the said John Thomas marched again in Captain John Faulkner's company of Militia, to little York and served another tour in the said War of three months with the affiant , under the command of Colo. Peter Rogers - that the said John Thomas left the army with this affiant and that the said affiant had a written discharge -

Given under my hand & seal this 19th day Sept 1832

S/ Jno S Lewellen {Seal}

[f p 13: On February 10, 1844 in Iredell County North Carolina, Sally Thomas, 67, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Thomas, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him in Halifax County Virginia December fourth, 1793; that they were married by Leonard Baker; that her husband died January 24, 1841; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing January 24, 1841.]