

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thomas ¹ W6279 Agnes Thomas f52NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 3/8/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this 3rd day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared before the Inferior Court for the County and State aforesaid now sitting for ordinary purposes William Thomas a Resident of Captain David's Company District in said State & County aged Sixty-nine 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in the month of August 1777 in Guilford County as a volunteer under Captain John Leek [John Leak] & Colonel James Martin commanded the Regiment & was marched to Guilford Court house thence to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and defeated the Scotch at that place [Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776], returned to Guilford & then marched after the Tories to Little River, they had dispersed & we were discharged having served three months, and

In the month of August 1778 he volunteered in Guilford aforesaid under Captain John Leeks [John Leak] & Colonel Paisley [John Paisley] & Martin & was marched to near the head of the Catawba [River] where we remained a month waiting reinforcements & then marched to the Cherokee nation & he helped to burn seventeen towns, cut down corn &c & returned home after serving a three months Tour.

And enlisted at Guilford aforesaid in the Continental Army for nine months, he thinks in the month of August or September under Captain John Leek [John Leak] & was marched by him to Purysburg and placed under Lieutenant Lewis, Captain Ralph Chapman, & Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] Continental officers, wintered at Purysburg, & marched in the spring up to near Augusta Georgia, where deponent was taken sick & placed in a hospital & was furloughed to go home, & when he recovered he returned home, & was not again called upon.

And again volunteered under Captain Richard Varnum [Richard Vernon] in the North Carolina Militia at Guilford aforesaid in the month of March or February 1781 & served about ten weeks. And in the month of October 1781 he was ordered out after Colonel Fannin [David Fanning] and other Tories to Deep River, & returned home, and served a three months Tour – Altogether about twenty-one months, besides considerable irregular service, sometimes on horseback & sometimes on foot

A Grant of Land for Services in the Continental Line is herewith enclosed as proof of Service &c

1. Was born in Culpeper County Virginia, in the year 1763 20th January

2. Thinks it is on record in the Church in Culpeper County Virginia.

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3. Was a volunteer accept nine months, when he was Enlisted, the first three months he served as a separate to for his brother –
4. When he entered the service he lived in Guilford County North Carolina, & from there in 1784 removed to Gilbert County Georgia & in 1788 or 1789 Removed to his present residence where he has lived ever since
5. Has stated their names in the body of this Declaration
6. Has no regular Discharges & never received any in writing. (Land warrant Enclosed)
7. Is known to Henry David a preacher of the Gospel and to Henry Parks in his present neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution & his brother Jesse who saw him entered the Militia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state within his knowledge or belief.

S/ William Thomas

[Henry David, a clergyman, Gabriel Martin and Jesse Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, Jesse Thomas "...certifies that he saw his brother William enter the Militia of North Carolina at Guilford under Captain Leak & saw him at the Salt guard in a Tour of 3 months not enumerated in his declaration." Jesse Thomas signed with his mark.]

[p 13: On July 1, 1839 in Franklin County Georgia, Agnes Thomas, 65, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Thomas a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 19, 1792 in Elbert County Georgia; that her husband died November 27, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On March 26, 1855 in Franklin County Georgia, Agnes Thomas, 82, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 7: family record]

Family Record-Marriages

William Thomas and Agnes Thomas was married January the 19th, 1792

Joel Thomas and Isabel Thomas was married October the 2nd, 1817

Lewis Thomas and Eliza Thomas was married November the 8th, 1821

Ezekiel Thomas and Sarah Montgomery was married 27th [could be "29th"] January 1826

William Thomas and Susan E. Burk was married 28th July, 1831

Mary Thomas and Philip Pruitt was married 7th December, 1835

Madison H. Thomas and Nancy F. Shelton was married 28th February, 1836

[two very faint entries which MAY read as follows:]

Anna C. Thomas and Henry Mize was married 25th July 1837

Sarah Thomas and John Rogers was married 19th October [year too faint]

Family-Record-Births

Elizabeth Thomas was [born] February 27th, 1793

Joel Thomas was Born October 23rd, 1794

Lewis Thomas was Born December 8th, 1796

Ezekiel Thomas was Born September 6th [?], 1798

William Thomas was Born October the 23rd, 1800

Sarah Thomas was Born December 22nd, 1802
Mary Thomas was Born February the 3rd, 1805
Anna Thomas was Born July 18th, 1808
Madison H. Thomas was Born August the 31st, 1810
John W. Thomas was Born February 26th, 1814
Malissa Ann Thomas was born December 16th, 1836

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 20 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[Another version]

Pension Application of William Thomas, Guilford County, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll __, Application #W6279

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

In the month of **August 1778**, he volunteered in Guilford aforesaid, and under Capt. John Leek, and Cols. **Paisley** and Martin, and was marched to near the head of the Catawba, where we remained a month waiting for reinforcements, and then marched to the Cherokee nation and helped to burn seventeen towns cut down corn and returned here after serving three months tour.”

“And enlisted in Guilford aforesaid in the Continental Army for nine months, he thinks which month of August or September under Col. John Leek, and was marched by him to Purysburg and placed under Lieut. Lewis, Capt. Ralph Chapman, and Col Lytle, Continental officers, wintered at Purysburg, and marched in the spring up to near Augusta, Georgia, where deponent was taken sick and placed in a hospital and was furloughed to go home and when he was recovered, he returned home and was not again called upon. And again, he volunteered under Capt. Richard Varnum, in the So. Ca militia aforesaid, in the month of **March or February, 1781** and served about ten weeks. And in the month of **October 1781**, he was ordered out after Col. Fanning and other Tories to Deep River, and returned home, and served three months. Thus altogether about twenty-one months, besides considerable _____ service, sometimes on horseback and sometimes on foot.”

Amended declaration:

“That he entered the service of the United States in the militia of the state of North Carolina in the month of **April 1777**, in Guilford County, as a volunteer under Capt. John Leek (or Leak), Col. James Martin commanded. The regiment was marched to Guilford Courthouse, thence to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and defeated the Scotch at that place, returned to Guilford and then marched after the Tories to Little River. They had dispersed, and we were discharged having served three months, and”

“In the month of **August 1778**, he volunteered in Guilford County under Captain John Leek (Leak) and Cols. **John Paisley** and Martin and was marched to near the head of the Catawba where we remained a month waiting reinforcements and then marched to the Cherokee Nation and he helped to burn seventeen towns, cut down corn ___ and returned home after serving a three months tour.”

“And enlisted at Guilford courthouse aforesaid in the Continental Army for nine months, he thinks, which month of August or September under Captain John Leek and was marched by him to Purysburg and placed under Lieutenant Lewis, Captain Ralph Chapman, and Colonel Lytle, Continental officers, wintered at Purysburg, and marched in the spring up to near Augusta, Georgia, where deponent was taken sick and placed in a hospital and was furloughed to go home and when he recovered, he returned home and was not again called upon.”

“And again volunteered under Captain Richard Varnum in the South Carolina militia aforesaid in the month of **March** or **February 1781** and served about ten weeks. And in the month of **October 1781** he was ordered out after Col. Fannen [Fanning] and the Tories to Deep River, and returned home, and served a three-month tour. Altogether about twenty-one months, besides considerable irregular service, sometimes on horseback and sometimes on foot.”

“A grant of land for services in the Continental Line is herewith enclosed as proof of service.”

1. Was born in Culpepper County, Virginia [*therefore not directly related to the Thomases of Richmond County, N.C. or Marlboro County, S.C.*] in the year 1763, 20th Jan'y.
2. Thinks it is on record in the Church in Culpepper County, VA.
3. Was a volunteer except nine months when he was enlisted. The first three months he served as a substitute for his brother.
4. When he entered the service he lived in Guilford County, North Carolina, and from there in 1784, removed to Elbert County, Georgia, and in 1788 or 1789 removed to his present residence where he has lived ever since.
5. Has stated the names in the body of his declaration.
6. Has no regular discharges and never received any writing (Land Warrant enclosed).
7. Is known to Henry David, a preacher of the Gospel and to Henry Parks in his present neighborhood...etc.”