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Pension Application of Byers (Tobias) Thomason W6281

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State of Virginia     }  
Albemarle County    } SS

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sarah Thomason a resident of the County of Albemarle aged to the best of her recollection and belief eighty years, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows That she is the widow of Byers Thomason (or as he was sometimes called Tobias Thomason) who was a Soldier in the war of the revoution She cannot now say how long the said Thomason served in the war aforesaid, but she does well remember of seeing the said Byers Thomason, at her Fathers house in pursuit of a deserter, and he was dressed in Soldiers Uniform; declarant has often heard her husband the said Thomason give a history of his Services in the army, but from her old age and the loss of her memory she cannot now give any particulars of his Services, but she does recollect of hearing him state that he was under the command of the Marquis Lafayette & Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne whilst in the army; declarant must therefore refer to the evidence that will accompany her declaration and to the records in the War Department to prove the service of her husband the said Byers Thomason as a Soldier as aforesaid

She further declares that she was married to the said Byars Thomason (to the best of her recollection and belief) fifty seven or fifty eight years; she cannot now name the day or year; but must refer to the evidence proving her marriage, that her maiden name before marriage was Sarah White, and that her husband the aforesaid Byers Thomason has been dead at least Thirty years and that she still remains his widow. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four; Viz at the time above stated

Sarah herXmark Thomason

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Louisa County       } SS.

Be it known that on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1842 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John White [pension application R11423] aged ninety years and made oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with Byurs Thomasson and that he does well know that the said Byurs Thomasson served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution and he does believe that he served for the term of eighteen months in a tour of duty to the South, for affiant does well remember of going with the said Thomasson and with William White a brother of affiants and other soldiers to the rendezvous, or head quarters in the lower end of Louisa County, before they marched to the South and he recollects distinctly of seeing them with their knapsacks and other accutremments ready for marching; the said Thomasson in the tour of duty named above went from the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia, and he has often heard the said Thomasson and likewise his brother William state, that they marched as far as Charlestown [Charleston SC]; affiant does well know that in this tour of duty the said Thomasson was absent from home fully eighteen months; affiant further states that after the return of said Thomasson from his tour of duty to the South, that the said Thomasson came to the House of affiants Father in pursuit of a deserter by the name of Peter Edwards, the said Thomasson was then dressed in soldiers uniform such as belonged to the regular army, and he was then still attached to the Army; and he believes he was under the command of the Marquis Lafayette & Gen'l. Wayne, affiant further states that he was himself a soldier at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781], and he does well

remmeber of seeing the said Byurs Thomasson several times both upon the march down from the County of Louisa and whilst in the service at york town; affiant cannot now say from old age and the loss of memory, whether the said Thomasson was an enlisted soldier or belonged to the eighteen months drafts. Neither can he now state the names of any of the officers of his company or Regiment under whom he served, nor can he now state the year that he first marched from the County of Louisa to the South and affiant further states that the said Byurs Thomasson intermarried with Sarah White and the said marriage took place at least fifty eight years since

John hisXmark White

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse lists the following: Byas Tomasson/ age 24/ height 5' 5½"/ brown hair/ gray eyes/ fresh complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Louisa County where he was drafted on 17 Apr 1781 for 18 months. Sized 14 May 1781.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Louisa County on 15 Apr 1784 by Byers Thomason and John White for the marriage of Thomason to Sarah White.

On 31 May 1843 Sarah Thomason's age was said to be 75 to the best of her recollection.