

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Hamilton W7671

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County of Morgan [KY] Sct.

on this 24th day October 1831 personally appeared in open court (being a court of record) for the Circuit aforesaid Thomas Hamilton resident in said County, aged seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the the said Thomas Hamilton enlisted for the term of two years on the first day of Febuary in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain H. Terrells [Henry Terrell or Terrill] in the regiment commanded by Colonel [Charles] Scott in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment: that he continued to serve in said Corps untill some time in Febuary 1778 when he was discharged from the service at (head Quarters) Valley Forge in the State of Pensylvania that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Kentucky and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension That he could not procure the evidence of Williams one of his witnesses to prove his service in the Revolutionary War untill lately —

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift sale or in any manner dispose 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolution War passed on the 18th 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 - One Bed, Bedstead and furniture worth \$20.00

Pot metal worth	3.00
Two hogs worth	<u>1.00</u>
Total amt	\$24.00

that since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property that no change has been made in my property since the Year 1818 except the natural decay of a small stock of hogs

The affiant states that he is a farmer by occupation but is unable to persue it owing to age and infirmity. His family consists of a wife sixty three years of age who is unable to labour four her age and infirmity.

[signed] Tho's. Hamilton

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } Sct

Morgan County }

On this 19 day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Morgan County Court Thomas Hamilton a resident of Morgan County and State of Kentucky aged 74 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 June 7th 1832 That he inlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 February 1st with John McCalla & other and served in the 5th Virginia Regiment of the Line of Virginia under the following named officers Colonel Scott Colonel [William] Crawford - Captain Terrell - General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] — during my Service Col Scott was promoted to the office of General - [Andrew] Lewis was my first Brigadier General — I only served one Term as a Regular Soldier I was discharged in February 1778 which amounted for the Term I enlisted was Two years. I cannot state precisely all and every officer under which I served during my service. I resided in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia when I enlisted and joined the Army at Williamsburg - State of Virginia I was not engaged in any battle while a Regular Soldier owing my having been

driving a baggage wagon whilst my Regiment was engaged in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & GermanTown [4 Oct 1777] After joining the Army at Williamsburg we went to Norfolk - from Norfolk to Philadelphia thence to the Jerseys - White Plains & MiddleBrook thence to Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania where I received my discharge from Col. William Davis - at the time of my discharge William Fowler was my Captain —

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year

[signed] Thomas Hamilton

State of Kentucky Morgan County Sct.

The following is the Deposition of Philip Williams [pension application S1269] an old Revolutionary Soldier taken to prove the Services & enlistment of Thomas Hambleton an old Revolutionary Soldier during the Revolutionary War who after being duly Sworn deposeseth & saith as follows — I Philip Williams do Swear that at the year 1775 & 1776 I lived a near neighbour to said Thomas Hambleton in Bedford County in the State of Virginia that I was well acquainted with said Thomas Hambleton that I do know that said Thomas Hambleton the present applicant did enlist into the Service of the United States in Bedford County & State of Virginia in the year 1776 in Captain Henry Terrells Company. John Goggins was the Lieutenant in the Company & Robert Watkins was the Ensign. he enlisted for the Term of Two years and did service in Colonel William Davis's Virginia Regiment of Infantry at the time he was in the Service of the United States. that I do know the said Thomas Hambleton did serve out his full Term of Two years under one and the same enlistment in said Army, and that I do know that said Thomas Hambleton was honorably discharged by Col. Davis in the year 1778 in the forepart of the year I do know that said Tho Hambleton was marched to Portsmouth in the State of Virginia and then attached to the 5th Virginia Regiment and served untill fall of the year 1776 in the 5th Virginia Regiment Col. Stephens commanded the Regiment at Portsmouth & Josiah Parker was the Major - & was marched to Philadelphia from Portsmouth and was attached to the Regt Commanded by Col. Scott. William Davis Lieutenant Colonel and that the said Thomas Hambleton served out the remainder of his Term of Two years in the last named Regiment and Received his discharge in 1778 from William Davis Colonel in 1778 — And that I have been well acquainted with said Hambleton ever since his return from the Army and was well acquainted with him before he joined the Army —

Given under my hand this 3^d of January 1831 —

Philip hisPmark Williams

[Edward Burgess of Floyd County KY (pension application S35806) made an almost identical deposition. William Haney of Floyd County (pension application W11258) also deposed that he had known Thomas Hamilton as a near neighbor in Bedford County.]

NOTE: Thomas Hamilton deposed in support of the pension application (S31111) of his brother, Benjamin Hamilton. On 9 Apr 1850 Anna Hamilton, 79, resident of Johnson County KY, applied for a pension stating that as Anna Martin she married Thomas Hamilton in Sullivan County TN on 16 Jul 1795, and he died in Johnson County on 8 Jul 1847. Permelia Franklin, 64, deposed that she had been present at the marriage, which was performed by William Delany. The file contains a copy of a bond signed 16 Jul 1795 by Thomas Hamilton and James Gains for the marriage of Hamilton to Ann Martin.