

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Jopling W7927

Mary (Molly) Jopling

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Virginia, to wit

At a Court of Monthly Session, held for Nelson County, at the Courthouse on Tuesday the 29th day of April 1828

Be it remembered that on this 29th day of April 1828, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Nelson, being made a court of record by Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, Thomas Jopling, resident of 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 of March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Thomas Jopling enlisted for the term of two years on the 9th day of February in the year 1776, in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Thomas Walker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 9th day of February 1778, when he was discharged from the service at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State, except Virginia; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: that heretofore he had property sufficient to maintain himself and family, consisting of sundry slaves and a small tract of land, but that by death and Fort that he has now no slaves, and has also sold his land and the money applied to the payment of his just debts.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 revolutionary 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 Cow, one Sow, two beds and furniture, & a small parcel of household and kitchen furniture – which the court values at \$30.00

S/ Thomas Jopling

My occupation heretofore has been that of a planter and farmer, but from age and disease I am unable to pursue it. I have no daughter or son, and no person living with me except my wife, Molly Jopling, aged about 58 years, in infirm, bad health. I am aged about seventy-three years

and in infirm health.

That since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property

Description of property	Name of the Person to whom disposed	Time of sale	Amount of money or description of property received in return
110 acres of land in which I had a life estate, by devise from James Stevens deceased	James S Penn	1824 February 2 nd	\$250 every sent applied to the payment of a debt to Rives & Brown contracted for necessary articles of merchandise
The following Slaves, Dicey a woman, Hannah, a woman, Rachel, Tom a young man, Claiborne a boy, Spotswood a boy, Brown a boy, Joe a man, Fanny a woman and her child, Louisa, a woman, and Elvira a girl; the first seven have died, the balance sold	Rives & Brown	April 28, 1828	\$818 applied to the payment of a debt due to Rives & Brown secured by a deed of Trust on said Slaves

S/ Thomas Jopling

The following evidence was produced to the court in support of the foregoing declaration to wit: a paper purporting to be the discharge of the said Thomas Jopling from the service of the United States, in the following words and figures, to wit: "Thomas Jopling a soldier in the 9th Virginia Regiment being enlisted for two years hath served out his time faithfully and is hereby discharged from the service. Given under my hand this 9th February 1778. H Russell Colonel Commandant of General Muhlenberg's Brigade."

[Robert Rives gave testimony as a partner of Rives & Brown, a Mercantile concern, as to the debts of the veteran; James S. Penn also gave testimony as to the debts of the veteran; Doctor Robert J Kincaid gave testimony as to the health and age of the veteran which renders him and entirely incapable of supporting himself.]

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State of Virginia, Nelson County, to wit:

On this 29th day of July 1828 personally appeared in open Court Thomas Jopling who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following additional declaration (he having heretofore, to wit: on the 29th day of April, 1828, in the Court of Nelson County, made his first declaration) in order to obtain the provision made for persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 – That he the said Thomas Jopling served in the 9th Virginia Regiment under Colonel Russell, of General Muhlenberg Brigade, as will be seen by the certificate annexed to the first declaration, signed by Colonel Russell.

The accounts of Messrs. Rives & Brown, herewith filed, marked A, B, C, D, showed the several accounts which I was indebted to them and the original deed of Trust which was executed

to them on the settlement of the accounts, to secure the balance found to be due them, is also here with filed, marked E.

S/ Thomas Jopling, X his mark

[Transcribers note, I have elected not to transcribe the exhibits. On page 17 of this file it is noted that the Negro girl Eliza was sold for \$200 on March 27, 1828; that the Negro girl Louisa was sold March 31st, 1828 4 \$235; on April 29, the Negro woman Fanny and Boy same him was sold for \$250]; and on April 30, the Negro man Joe was sold for \$133.17. The accounts of the merchants are very detailed and might be of interest to historians studying 19th Century mercantile establishments. The accounts run from f55/ pp 6-17.]

[p f12/5: On April 20, 1840 in Nelson County Virginia, Molly Jopling, 69, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Jopling, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him November 25, 1790; that her husband died March 20, 1837 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p f12/7: Copy of a marriage bond dated November 22nd, 1796 and in a certificate dated November 2, 1790, issued in Amherst County Virginia to Thomas Jopling & James Stephens, Junior conditioned upon the marriage of Thomas Jopling Junior, bachelor, to Mary Stephens, Spinster of Amherst County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 22, 1828, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 29, 1837, her pension was subsequently increased to \$96 per annum.]