

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Love W8055

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State of Ohio Meigs County: SS

On this 23rd day of July A.D. 1833, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Meigs in the State of Ohio, Thomas Love a resident of Letart Township in said County of makes, aged 78 years on the 19th day of August next, 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 seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That on or about the 17th of October 1777 when he resided in Augusta County Virginia he volunteered in the Rifle Company commanded by Captain David Gray, who was under Colonel Samuel McDowell of said County for the term of four months – That his company marched to Richmond Virginia where they were placed under the command of General Morgan [presumably Daniel Morgan] – After remaining at Richmond four or five weeks he was marched to James Town under the command of General Morgan, who then left them and the troops at that place were placed under the command of Colonel Campbell, where they remained until the expiration of the term of four months when his Company was discharged and returned to Augusta:

That sometime in the month of July (the day not recollected) A.D. 1779 at Augusta County aforesaid he again volunteered in the Rifle company commanded by Captain William Paxton of Augusta, and marched to Richmond, where they remained for a month under the command of General Morgan, when they marched to Little York, where they remained for two weeks, when he marched to Guilford Court House North Carolina, where they remained under the command of General Morgan for eight or 10 days, when they marched to South Carolina under the command of General Morgan. The name of the place in South Carolina to which they went is not recollected – that they remained in South Carolina until the aforesaid term of service expired when his Company was discharged and he returned to Augusta.

That on or about 17th June 1780 at the same place, he again volunteered in the Rifle Company commanded by Captain John Tilford of Augusta, for another tour of four months; that he was marched to Richmond, from thence to Stony Point [Stony Point fell July 16, 1779] in New York where his company joined General Wayne's Forces – he was there and engaged on the night of the 15th of July where five hundred British were taken – that after remaining there about two weeks after that time, he was marched towards Little York Virginia and was kept pretty constantly on the march day and night from place to place (which are not recollected) until he

was finally discharged, with the rest of said Company, at a place called Hot Water [The engagement at Hot Water plantation also known as Spencer's Tavern occurred on June 26, 1781] on James River at the expiration of said four months. They had a short skirmish at this place with Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] who commanded the British Light Horse.

That on or about the first August 1781 at the same place he again volunteered in the Rifle Company commanded by Captain William Elliott of Augusta, who was under command of General Morgan, for another tour of four months, and he was marched as rapidly as possible to Little York, through Richmond – was present at the Battle & Surrender of Cornwallis, which he thinks was on the 19th of October 1781; that they remained at that place till the expiration of their aforesaid term of service, when his company was discharged & they all returned to Augusta – making in all 16 months service. That he has no documentary evidence of his said service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service.

That he was born in Ireland in 1755 and came to this Country at the age of eight years. That he has no record of his age – it was recorded in his Father's family Bible which has long since been lost or destroyed by time & accident.

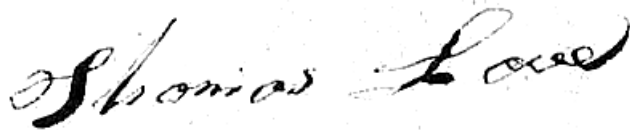
That he resided in Augusta County Virginia when he went into service – where he resided until about twenty-two years ago when he moved to Mason County Virginia, where he resided for six years, when he moved to Letart Township in Gallia County Ohio where he still resides but which is now a part of Meigs County. That he never had any written discharge. I am known to William Alexander & Edward McDade who reside in my neighborhood, who can testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ M. Bosworth, Clerk

S/ Thomas Love

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Love". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[William Alexander & Edward McDade, both clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 4: On March 7, 1845 in Meigs County of Ohio, Rosanna Love, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Love, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$53.53 [sic] per annum; that she married him February 1 or 2, 1786; that her husband died December 22, 1834; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 7: On January 9, 1845 in Meigs County of Ohio William Porter a resident of Mason County Virginia aged 74 gave testimony that in the early part of his life he resided in Rockbridge County Virginia within a few miles of where Thomas Love married Rosanna McClure; and that they were legally married "according to the rules of the Presbyterian Church".]

[p 16: Certificate dated March 11, 1846 from the clerk of the Rockbridge County Virginia court stating that records in his office show that Thomas Love and Rosanna McClure were married in said County February 1, 1787 by the Reverend James McConnell.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum.]