

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Paslay (Pasley) W8506      Winifred      f56VA  
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[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. 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 fails 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 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Scott County – State of Kentucky

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record established by law for said County, Thomas Paslay resident of the County of Owen aged sixty-five 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & first of May 1824 a pension. That he said Paslay was enlisted for the term of 18 months in February 1779 in Buckingham County & State of Virginia by George Adcock & attached to the company commanded by Capt. Ben. Taliaferro as a regular soldier & attached to the Regiment of Col. Richard Parker, General Scott's brigade. That he was marched from Virginia to Georgia, after first being here Philadelphia – & was at the siege at Savannah in the year 1779 – I was then marched to Augusta after that from thence to Charleston – there we stood the siege & was taken prisoner & taken to the West Indies & detained a prisoner for five years from the time I enlisted – being released & returned home in the year 1784. That he was on the Continental establishment fighting in the revolutionary war against Great Britain. That he obtained a warrant for land through N. Sawyin Esq.. That he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present; and that he is not in the receipt of a pension from this or any other government. He states that he wants applied for a pension previous to the amendment of the law through the Hon. T. Metcalf, but there was a failure owing to causes which he does not distinctly recollect. That he has lately discovered the person who enlisted him which will appear by the enclosed certificate & which will remove the defect of proof, if proof was wanting.

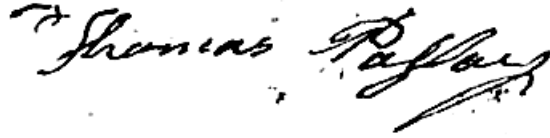
And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### Schedule

One Bay horse value \$15 one Sorrell horse \$35 one Sorrell mare \$35 one Bay mare \$35 3 cows worth \$12, 3 calves & heifer \$6, one steer \$1.50, 19 head of sheep \$9, 16 head of hogs \$16, 17 pigs one dollar. Household furniture 3 beds \$15 cupboard furniture \$1.50, one table \$4, cupboard \$4, a bureau \$10, kitchen furniture 3 candles, oven & skillet \$3, 2 pair of year old \$2, 2 plows & 2 axes \$4. \$25 in [indecipherable word] Bank paper due me & 50 acres of poor hilly

land worth \$50. I have living with me a wife & 4 children – my wife is old and very infirm, scarcely able to help herself – one board 21 years old & a lunatic – one boy 18 years – and 2 girls 113 & the other 11 years & he is a farmer by trade.

S/ Thomas Paslay

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Paslay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thomas Paslay".

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State of Kentucky County of Scott SS,

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1827 personally appeared in open court [being a court of record for the County, as the case may be] Thomas Paslay resident in said County, age 65 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 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820; that he the said Thomas Paslay enlisted for the term of one year & a half on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1779 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro in the Regiment commanded by Col. Richard Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until he was taken prisoner at Charleston in May 1780 he will was kept prisoner about four years – 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 that of Virginia; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: the applicant has never been able to procure sufficient evidence of his enlistment and services until lately, when the person who enlisted him removed from Virginia to this State which person he had supposed to be dead – that he would have applied long ago if [he] had evidence to support his claim.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. That, since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. I have lost for valuable horses by death. I have given one to a child. I sold the place I lived on in Bourbon [County], after the losing one 3<sup>rd</sup> of it by law, and purchased the place I live on now. Sworn to, and declared, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November in open court.

[Attested by Ben B Ford, clerk of the Scott County court.]

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Schedule of the estate of Thomas Paslay annexed to a Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension List –

A tract of third-rate land containing 50 acres half of it tillable, which the declarant supposes he could scarcely sell for \$50

Three horses and a colt

Three cows and a steer

About fourteen yearling hogs and twenty pigs and four sows

Six sheep – a [indecipherable word] and small table – three ten gallon kettles, a small oven and skillet – and about a dozen plates 3 knives – 6 cups & saucers – 3 old wheels – 2 old ploughs – 2 axes – 3 hoes

The applicant is a farmer – he is very infirm, and his strength greatly impaired by age – His wife Winifred resides with him she has for a long time been very unhealthy and unable to work – she is 57 years of age – also two sons Stephen & Thomas – Stephen is 21 years old – has been of unsound mind from a child unable to do anything for himself – Thomas is 19 years old able to work – also Polly 15 years old able to work – Pamela 13 years old unhealthy.

S/ Thomas Paslay

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Paslay". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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I do hereby certify that I enlisted Thomas Paslay in Buckingham County Virginia in the regular service of the United States of America and to the best of my recollection it was in the fore part of the year 1779 I was then legally authorized to recruit for the Army and the said Paslay was sworn in as a regular soldier by Col. John Cavel of said County and marched from thence to Fredericksburg and shortly afterwards he was marched to the South and was taken prisoner at the siege of Charleston in South Carolina and I think it was 5 years or nearly so before he was released and returned home. Given under my hand this first day of September 1826.

S/ George Adcock, X his mark

[attested in Shelby County Kentucky]

[f p. 16: On April 30, 1844 in Owen County Kentucky, Winifred Paslay, 74, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Paslay, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her maiden name was Winifred Adcock; that she married the veteran in Buckingham County Virginia November 5, 1785; that her husband died April 13, 1844 at his house in Owen County Kentucky; that her husband kept a family record of their marriage and the marriages of their children which she has cut out from the Bible and includes with her application. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f pp. 17-18: family record:

Thomas Paslay and his wife Winnifred Paslay was married November 5<sup>th</sup> 1785

Betsy Paslay there first daughter was married to John Mcginnis in the year of our Lord 1809 June ye 5<sup>th</sup>

Wm Paslay their first son was married to Polley Collin in the year of our Lord 1819 May ye 14<sup>th</sup>

Elkahan Paslay their 2<sup>nd</sup> son was married to Polley Manary ye 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1812

Angelia Paslay their 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter was married to Wm Scott in April the 4<sup>th</sup> 1819

Jas their 4<sup>th</sup> son was married to Betsey Blunt on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of [indecipherable] 1819

Anderson their 5<sup>th</sup> son was married to Jane Scott ye 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1821

John Paslay the 3<sup>rd</sup> son was married to Elizabeth Tind[?] November 14<sup>th</sup> 1822

Dan Paslay there 6 son was married to Margaret [illegible] on [illegible] day 16<sup>th</sup> of [illegible] 1824

Thomas Paslay married Susanna Carter the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1833  
Polley T. Paslay was married to John Adcock December the 26 1833  
John Paslay died July the 10<sup>th</sup> 1833  
William Paslay died July the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1833  
Susanna Paslay wife of Thomas Paslay died July 6<sup>th</sup> 1837  
Pamela [indecipherable] Carter wife Joseph Carter died the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837

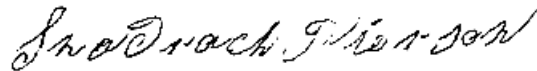
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 27, 1830 4 service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1843.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Shadrach Pierson<sup>1</sup> of the County of Bourbon & State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I was a Soldier in Capt. Richard Taylor's Company in the first Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War – that when in service I was acquainted with Thomas Paslay who was a Soldier in Col. Richard Parker's Regiment in the Virginia Continental line – that I then understood & do verily believe that said Paslay enlisted to serve during the war, – that he was with me taken a prisoner at Charleston South Carolina, & was kept as a prisoner to the close of the war, – that the Thomas Paslay who makes this application for his bounty land warrant is the person who rendered the services aforesaid.

S/ Shadrach Pierson



[attested July 14, 1818 in Franklin County Kentucky.]

[Note: this file only contains 2 pages of documents. There is no application by the veteran himself in this file.]

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<sup>1</sup> Shadrach Pearson or Pierson, FPA S35551