

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Cason W8574

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State of Virginia } S

County of Caroline }

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Caroline, now sitting, Thomas Cason, a resident of and in the County of Caroline, and State of Virginia, aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was living in the County of Spotsylvania, when he was drafted into the service into the 10th division, in the year 1780 (the exact date he has forgotten) and marched to the South, under Captain Henry Stubblefield, Major Jones (his given name not recollected) and Col. Holt Richardson, marched down as far as Petersburg, and was discharged verbally, after having served between two and three months, (the exact time not recollected.) He was drafted again in the Spring of 1781, under Captain Wm. Mills [William Mills], and Col Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews], (his given name not recollected), and marched down to Williamsburg, then up to Richmond, & then down again nearly to Williamsburg, & was there verbally discharged, having served as well as he can recollect three months. He was again drafted in less than one month (the exact date not recollected) under Capt. [James] Taylor, & Col [Thomas] Meriwether, (their given names not recollected;) marched up to Culpeper County, in Va. where they were joined by Gen [Anthony] Wayne, then marched below Richmond, where they were discharged verbally, having served more than three months. He was again drafted in the Fall of the same year, under Capt. Lewis Holladay, and Col. Meriwether, and Major Hardyman [sic: Henry Hardiman] and marched down from Spotsylvania, to York, where he remained till the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], & then marched up with the Prisoners, to the Barracks [probably in Winchester], where they were guarded, being at the same time under the command of Lieut. John Lewis, & afterwards Lieut. James Holladay. He served three months at York, and 20 or 25 days while guarding the Prisoners. He was discharged verbally. He recollects that at different times General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Gen. Wayne, & Gen LaFayette were with the troops with which he served. Col. Meriwether was at the Head of the 1st Regiment, Col. Mathews at the head of the third. There is a record of his age made by his Father, in the possession of his brother Edward Cason [pension application W25383]. He was born in the County of Caroline, in the year 1762, where he lived till 1763, when he removed to the County of Spotsylvania, State of Virginia, where he has resided ever since. He has no papers, nor documents, by which he can prove his services. Philip Pendleton [S18157] can prove that he served the first mentioned Tour, and William Cason [S9157], & Edward Cason can prove that he served at York. No minister of the Gospel lives near him

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Thomas Cason

Virginia }

Carolina County Court }

On this 11 Nov 1833 personally appeared in open Court the said Thomas Cason who being first duly sworn deposed and saith in amendment of said declaration, that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades For Eleven months and twenty days I served as a militia-man and for such service I claim a pension – and he further states that no minister of the Gospel lives near him, and he is acquainted

with none in this county. He has it not in his power to procure the testimony of his witnesses as they live in a different county and he is too infirm and poor to go after them. [signed] Tho Cason

NOTE: On 6 Nov 1839 Nancy Cason of Harrison County KY, 75, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Cason in Spotsylvania County on 24 Dec 1784, that their son John was born 15 Oct 1785, and Thomas Cason died 8 May 1836. A letter states that Thomas Cason became fatally ill about Christmas 1835.