

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Massey Thomas W8785

Dicey

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Common Welth [Commonwealth] of Kentucky Ohio County: SS

This 18 day of May 1847 before me Edmond A. Thurman one of the Judges of the County court aforesaid in and for said County and State personally appeared Dicy Thomas a resident of said County aged Eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, March 3, 1843 in June 17, 1844 granting pensions and half pay to certain widows. That she is the widow of Massey Thomas who served in the Army of the Revolution as I understand five years. He entered the Army by enlistment but whether he enlisted more than once I cannot tell, at sixteen years of age in the year 1776 and was appointed to the office of Ensign. Enlisted under Colonel Blewford [probably Abraham Buford] from Culpeper County Virginia was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and several other battles but at present can't remember where he went to the North with the Army. Took the measles. Lost his health and was then appointed to drive the medicle [medical] wagon if I mistake not of Doctor Cregg [Craig?] and drove the wagon somewhere in the State of Meriland [Maryland] he subsequently recovered his health and went to his former post in the Army and returned home sometime in the year 1781.

I was married to the said Massey Thomas on the third day of June 1783 by Esquire Wallace I believe in Sillivan [Sullivan] County North Carolina my name before marriage was Dicey Tolbert but whether by proclamation bands I know but little my husband died in March 1818 I have a family record and the following is a true copy written by my said husband more than fifty years ago and have been in my possessions ever since

### Family Record

Mossey [sic] Thomas was born March the 23rd 1760 Dicy Thomas was born March the 24th 1763.

Massey Thomas and Dicy was married June the 3rd day 1783. Rhody Thomas was born September the 24th day 1784, James Thomas was born August the 27th day 1786, Benjamin Thomas was born September the 20th day 1788, John Thomas was born December the 29th day 1792, William Thomas was born May is one the 12th 1795. A true copy except the original is set down in figures and this and letters. Rhody Gentry can prove that I was a soldier's wife before the first day of January 1794 and Joseph Gentry can prove the death of my husband and I have lived a widow ever since my husband's death of course never drew a pension. I guess I can prove his services at least in part by Robert Render of this County and have lived in this County more than 45 years and have never made application for a pension before my husband once had a

dischar [discharge] but has lost it before we ever thought of getting a pension. She further declares that she was not married to the said Massey Thomas prior to his leaving the Army but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated . Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above mentioned or written.

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

[f. pp 33-41: family record referred to by the widow]

Massey Thomas was born March the 3rd day a D 1760

Dicey Thomas was born March the 24th Day a D 1763

Massey Thomas and Dicey his wife was married June the 3rd day a D 1783

Rhoda Thomas was born September the 24th day a D 1784

James Thomas was born August the 27th day a D 1786

Benjamin Thomas was born September the 9th day a D 1788

John Thomas was born December the 29th day a D 1790

William Thomas was born May the 12th day a D 1795

Massey Gentry was born December the 4th day a D 1801

Samuel Gentry was born February the 1 Day A.D. 1804

Dicey Gentry was born May the 31st day a D 1806

Sally Gentry was born November in the 1 Day a D 1808

James Gentry was born March the 12th day a D 1811

Benjamin Gentry was born March the 7 Day 1813

John Thomas Downs was born May 25th 1812

William Thomas was born May the 12th in the year of our Lord 1795

Sally Thomas was born the 28th of February in the year of our Lord 1805

Martha Thomas was born the 4th day of April in the year of our Lord 1829

Adelia Thomas was born the 19th day of May in the year of our Lord 1830

James Thomas was born the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord 1831 and died the 24th of December 1831

William Thomas and Sally Thomas his wife was married the 18th of November in the year of our Lord 1824

Corinna Thomas was born the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord 1825

Amanda Thomas was born the 14th of June in the year of our Lord 1827

William Thomas was born the 19th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832

Christopher Thomas was born the 13th day of August in the year of our Lord 1834

Elizabeth & Mary Thomas was born the 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord 1836

Benjamin Massey Thomas was born the eighth day of July in the year of our Lord 1838

Dicey Catharine Thomas was born the 15th day of December in the year of our Lord 1840

Sally and Thomas was born the 21st day of May A.D. 1843

Attella Thomas was born the 23rd day of June A.D. 1845

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...And also personally appeared before said Justice Robert Render and after being duly sworn on his oath says that he became acquainted with the aforesaid Massey Thomas shortly after he returned from the Army of the revolution I think he enlisted under Abraham Blewford then

Captain subsequently Colonel Blewford have heard him say that after his return from the regular services he took a hire as a substitute of Samuel Planking [or] Picken of Culpeper County Virginia I again became acquainted with him and his family 48 years ago he then had the said Dicy as his wife a citizen of this County where he remained until his death. I was well acquainted with his general character as he was a member of a religious Church for many years before his death and I can heartily declare that I ever received him as a man firm in his purpose and true in his assertions. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of May in the year first above written.

S/ Robert Render

[f pp 3-4: family register]

James Thomas was born August the 27th day of the year of our Lord 1786 and married April the 20th day of the year of our Lord 1809

Dacey Thomas was born Saturday the 25th day of March in the year of our Lord 18 p.m.

Mary Thomas was born Thursday 18th day of March in the year of our Lord 1811

Massey Thomas was born Wednesday 27th day of January in the year of our Lord 1813

Lucinday Thomas was born Tuesday the 7th day of March in the year of our Lord 1816

Eliza Thomas was born November the 15th of Tuesday in the year of our Lord 1816

Emely Thomas was born Monday the 15th day of June in the year of our Lord 1818

Rhoda Thomas was born Thursday the 11th day of March in the year of our Lord 1820

Margaret Tolbert Thomas was born August the 9th day in the year of our Lord 1822 on Thursday

Eleanor Thomas was born Wednesday the first day of October in the year of our Lord 1823

Benjamin Tolbert Thomas was born Thursday the 1st day of December in the year of our Lord 1825

Juliann Thomas was born Wednesday the 14th day of May in the year of our Lord 1828

Dacey Thomas was married to Vallentine S. Lewis Sunday the 3rd day of January in the year of our Lord 1830

Lucinday Thomas deceased the fifth day of December in the year of our Lord 1830

Vallentine S. Lewis deceased the 18 day of January in the year of our Lord 1831

Eliza Thomas deceased the 28th day of January in the year of our Lord 1831

John Vallentine Lewis was born Wednesday the eighth September in the year while Lord 1830

James William Thomas was born Monday the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord 1831

Mary Thomas was married to William Longmire [?] March the 7th day 1833

Walter Franklin Thomas was born Monday the 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord 1836

Granville Hirley Thomas was born Tuesday the 22nd day of May in the year of our Lord 1838

Mary Longmire died on the 17th day of November in the year of our Lord 18?? [text ran off the page]

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State of Illinois Jefferson County: Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County William Long and after being duly sworn on his oath says that he became acquainted with the above named Massey Thomas in the time of the revolutionary war but being engaged in another post of [indecipherable word] I am not able to say who he was under as officers neither can I say whether he was an officer or a private soldier.

I believe he enlisted in 1776 I saw him in the winter of '77 or '78 at Port Tobacco in the State of Maryland he was then driving Doctor Cregg's medicine wagon. Doctor Cregg was one of General Washington's medical gentlemen.

I removed to Ohio County Kentucky in 1806 I found the said Massey and Dicey Thomas then settled in life with a family of respectable children we remained in that neighbors for twelve years up to the time of his death the said Massey and Dicey were people of fine respectable character both members of a religious Church the said Massey Thomas was one of the judges of the County court four years before his death. I also found the Fort above deposing witnesses in Ohio County when I moved there and am happy to state that they all persons of the first respectability. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of May 1847.

S/ John R Satterfield, JP