

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Penefill W9224

Esther Penefill MD

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

I Thomas Penifill a resident of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War do make this my declaration as follows. I am a citizen of the United States resident in Montgomery County in the State of Maryland as aforesaid aged 57 years. I am in reduced circumstances in life and in need of assistance from my Country for support I was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and enlisted in the year 1780 in Captain Benjamin Price's [BLWt341-300] Company of Col Mordecai Guess's [sic: Gen. Mordecai Gist's] regiment in the Maryland line and served out my term of enlistment of 3 years untill August 1783 I never received a discharge but an unlimited furlough which I have since lost. I served also on board the Sloop Porpoise as a marine and was in two battles at sea and was at the seige of York at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] I have no other evidence of the foregoing facts except the annexed certificates
(signed) Th's hisXmark Penefill

State of Maryland Montgomery County To Wit

On this 24th day of Nov'r 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for Montgomery County in the state of Maryland, Thomas Pennefill aged sixty years resident in Montgomery County state of Maryland who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, That in the month of July 1780 he was enlisted as a private in the Company Commanded by Capt Benjamin Price in the second Maryland Regiment Commanded by Col John Steaurt [sic: John Stewart] for during the War and that he remained in the service until August 1783 when he was discharged at Annapolis in Maryland That he was in the battle at the siege of York when Lord Conwallis was captured he also served on board of the Sloop Paupus for one month and was in the engament between that vesil & his majestys Sloop Herbinian [*Hibernian?*] and Active which later vesel was taken by the Paupus and after the last action and capture he was again transferred to his regiment and remained in said company & regiment until discharged as above at Annapolis, That he has recived a pension under the 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 18th March 1818 and that the certificate No 112 and 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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. I am by profession a farmer That I have a wife named Easter about forty five years of age I have Eleven Children, William my eldest son is twenty nine years old Lucy a Daughter aged twenty six years Jane a Daughter aged twenty two Thomas a son aged twenty one years Martha a Daughter aged nineteen years Catharine aged seventeen years Levy a Son aged Fifteen years Joseph thirteen years old Anne Eleven years old Eleanor aged Seven years Airy aged five years and those he has to support nine of the above named Children. Schedule of my property

That I have three old Horses two milch cows and four small yearlings Three Sows & some pigs seven head Sheep five bedsteads six common chairs Six knives & forks some plates and dishes, set of cups & saucers The above is a full schedule of my property of every kind Valued by the Court at \$100

Thomas hisXmark Pennefill

NOTE: On 1 July 1839 Esther Penefill, 64, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Penefill in July 1790, and he died on 15 Dec 1832. On an application for bounty land dated 4 May 1855, at age 81, it was stated that as Esther Bean she was married to Thomas Penefield by a Rev. Gant. The file includes a family record copied from "Doddridge's Rise & Progress of Religion in the Soul" and transcribed below. A letter from the Pension Office dated 9 July 1877 to John Lewis of Darnestown MD stated that the book had belonged to "your wife's mother."

Wm the son of Thos and Esther Pennyfild born 1791 27 May

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| Nancy | was born | Feb 14 1793 |
| Lucy | " " | Nov 23 1794 |
| Jane | " " | Jan 5 1796 |
| Thos | " " | Sep 19 1798 |
| Martha | " " | Feb 2 1800 |
| Catherine | was born | Feb 14th 1803 |
| Levi | " " | Aug 23rd 1805 |
| Joseph | " " | Nov 6 1807 |
| Ann | " " | Dec 24 1809 |
| Ellen | " " | Oct 21 1812 |
| Carey | " " | Aug 2 1815 |
| Peter Edward | born | Aug 15 1766 |