

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Marcum W9540

Fanny Marcum

f45NC

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 31st day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Marcom Senior, of the County & State aforesaid, aged eighty years, on the 4th day of January last, who first being 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. He was drafted into the service in the winter of 1780 -- 1781 in the County of Orange aforesaid for the term of three months -- he was rendezvoused at Hillsboro and marched towards Salisbury North Carolina, when his proper Capt. took command of his company, who was Capt. Elliot [sic, Lieutenant John Elliott] -- the other company officers not recollected; Field Officers, Col. Thomas Farmer and Major Sharpe [Anthony Sharpe]. He was marched to Salisbury; from Salisbury, his company was marched towards the Catawba [River], but he remained in Salisbury, to aid in guarding the Town & to work for the service as an artificer in the Blacksmith's Shop: Here he remained until the British forces came on from South Carolina, across the Catawba, on towards Salisbury -- when he with others in the service, retired to the Yadkin River in the vicinity of Salisbury. He remained until the American forces were collected under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] & General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] -- and the British forces under Lord Cornwallis approached. He continued with the Americans under General Greene, in his retreat across North Carolina to Virginia. He reached Prince Edward Court House Virginia & there resumed the work of a blacksmith with other artificers, under the command of Capt. Marbry, an officer of the Maryland line, & Capt. William Gamble -- here he remained until the expiration of his term of service, which was after the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], and was discharged. -- this discharge he has lost. -- Afterwards, in the latter part of the summer, or early in the fall of 1781, when Gov. Burke [Thomas Burke] of North Carolina & a number of Americans were taken prisoner, at Hillsboro [September 12, 1781],<sup>1</sup> by the Tories, the declarant was called on to serve a term of three months, & was drafted into a company commanded by Capt. Phillips [Thomas Phillips] of Wake County -- & was marched to Fayetteville; -- thence to the "Brown Marsh;" thence to the neighborhood of Wilmington -- where a number of American troops were collected under General Butler [John Butler] & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- and the Americans intending to storm the Town of

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hillsborough.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html)

Wilmington, if it should be necessary to do so, in order to dislodge the enemy; the declarant was sent into the interior of the Country, to guard the baggage wagons. Here at the Camp at Tomson's [sic, Thompson's?], on November 17 1781, his term of service having expired, the declarant was discharged by Capt. Dickerson [Nathaniel Dickerson of the Caswell County NC militia], as will fully appear by the annexed discharge, written at the time, & which the declarant hath been fortunate enough to have kept by him.

Previously to the capture of Gov. Burke as aforesaid, the declarant was drafted to guard the Town of Hillsboro, on 2 or 3 different occasions, & was engaged in that service one week at a time. He was drafted on another occasion, when it was apprehended that the British would invade North Carolina from Virginia, & was engaged in that service 10 or 12 days -- when the orders were countermanded, he returned & was discharged. -- He was born in Caroline County, Virginia, on 4th January 1752 -- and was removed into Orange County North Carolina when he was about 12 years old -- where he hath resided ever since. He hath no record of his age. The declarant is known to Priestly St. Mangum, Major John Taylor & Samuel Couch Esquire. He hath no other documentary evidence of his service than Capt. Dickinson's discharge -- and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure at this time, who can testify as to his services, except John Daniel, whose affidavit accompanies this declaration. 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, so far as he hath knowledge.

S/ Thomas Mangum, Sr., X his mark

Sworn to in open Court 31st of August 1832

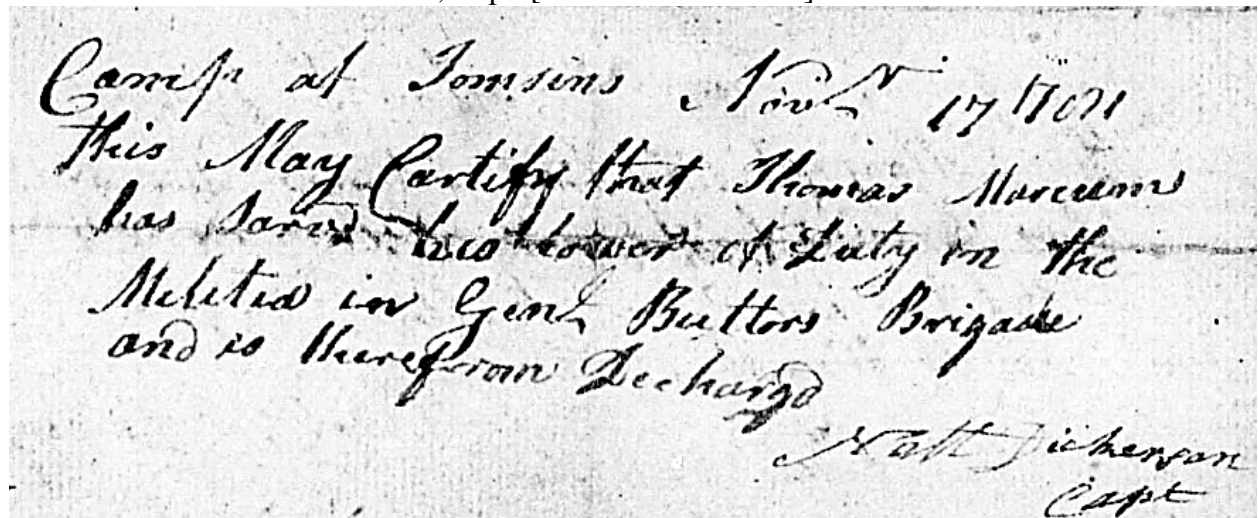
S/ J. Taylor, CC

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Camp at Tomsin's Novr 17 1781

This May Certify that Thomas Marcum  
has Sarv'd his tower of Duty in the  
Militia in Genl Butlers Brigade  
and is therefrom Decharg'd

S/ Nath Dickerson, Capt. [Nathaniel Dickerson]



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North Carolina Orange County

John Daniel, after having been duly sworn according to law, before me, one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, maketh oath that he was in the service of the United States in the winter of 1780 -- 81, with Thomas Marcum Senior at Salisbury North Carolina, & knew the said Marcum until the British reached Salisbury under Lord Cornwallis -- and after that time he was not acquainted with the said Marcum as being connected with the service.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 31st of August 1832

S/ Saml. Couch, JP

S/ John Daniel, X his mark

[p 12: On October 28, 1839 in Orange County North Carolina, Fanny Marcum, 85, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of Thomas Mangum, a pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him she thinks in the latter part of November 1773 which date she arrived at by the birth date of her first child, Milley, who was born 10 months after her marriage; that she was married by Tygnel Jones Esquire; that the records of the births of her children are as follows

1. Meley Marcum was born 27 September 1774
  2. Isaiar Marcum was born 5 September 1776
  3. Elisha Marcum was born 7 November 1778
  4. Thomas Marcom was born 27 November 1781
  5. Polly Marcum was born 1 March 1783
  6. Geley Marcum was born 28 July 1785
  7. Nancy Marcum was born for December 1787
  8. Nathan Marcum was born 28th of November 1790
  9. Betsey Marcum was born 15 December 1792
  10. William Marcum was born to December 1795
  11. Edmond Marcum was born 3 June 1798
  12. Patey the Mangum was born the 9 March 1801
  - 13 Fanny Marcum was born to September 1803
  - 14 William Mangum was born 29 August 1807;
- that her husband died February 13, 1839 and that she remains his widow.]

[p 14: Aquilla Herndon and Sullivan Leigh gave an affidavit supporting the widow's application for a pension.]

[p 41: at August Term 1839 of the Orange County North Carolina court, William Pearson and Willie Marcom gave an affidavit in support of the widow's claim. The relationship, if any of Willie Marcom to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.

*William Pearson*

*Willie Marcom*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]