

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

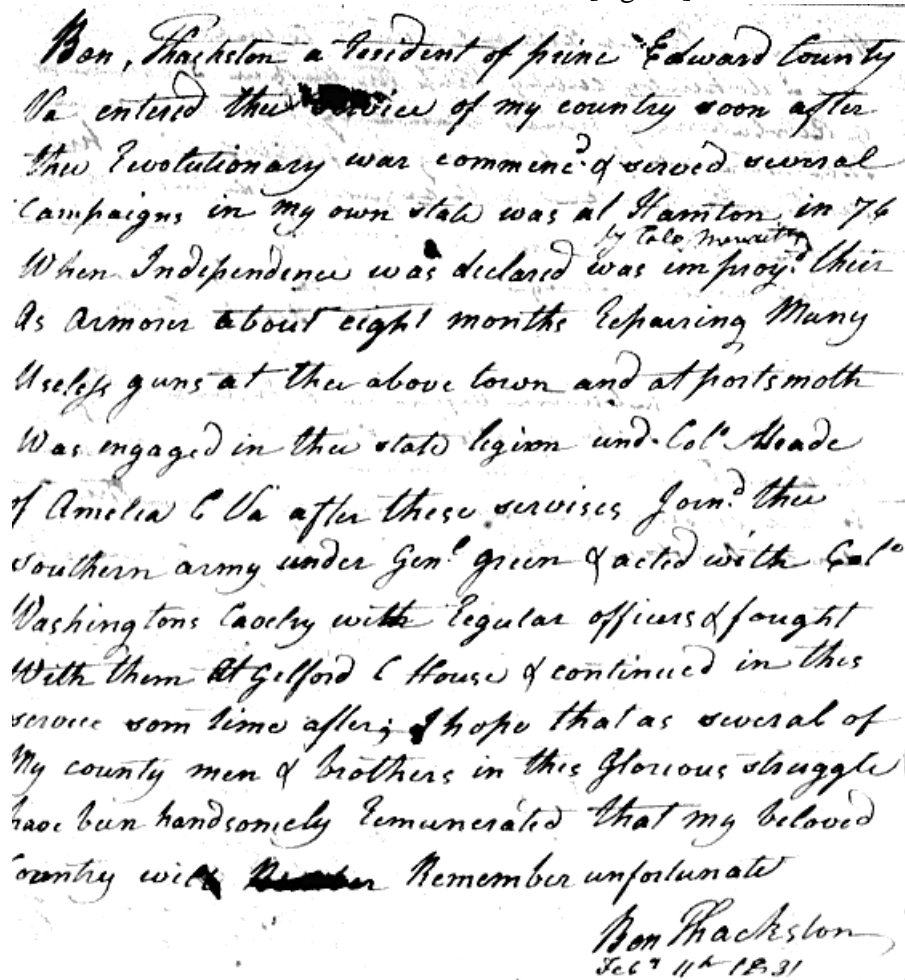
Pension Application of Benjamin Thackston: W9855  
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Betty Ann fn38VA  
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[Handwritten statement of Benjamin Thackston dated February 11, 1831, a year before his death and found amongst his papers.]

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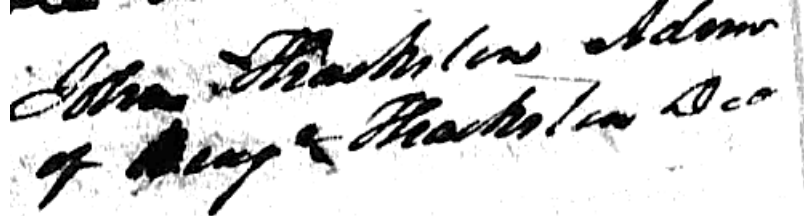
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[Sworn statement of John Thackston, one of Benjamin's sons, dated October 24, 1838, with J.P. certification]

“Virginia, Prince Edward County to wit:

I do hereby certify, that the within Statement of Revolutionary services rendered by said Benjamin Thackston were found among his papers since his death – that I am well acquainted with his hand writing and consider the whole to be in his usual hand writing –

[signed] John Thackston Admin. of Benj Thackston Dec.”

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Thackston Admin of Benj Thackston Dec". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Sworn statement of [Elizabeth] Betty Ann Thackston, Benjamin's wife, dated October 9, 1838, with J.P. certification]

“Declaration –

In order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, entitled "An Act Granting half pay and pensions to certain widows –"

State of Virginia: Prince Edward County to wit:

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Betty Ann Thackston, aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838, entitled "An Act Granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Benjamin Thackston late of Prince Edward County, who was a soldier and officer in the Militia Service of Virginia in the War of the Revolution – That she knows very little, if any thing at all respecting the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary War, except his own statement, and the statements of others who served with him – She feels well satisfied in her mind that he was a considerable length of time in the service; but for particulars of service, length of service, Ranks he held, the Regiment and line to which he was attached, and officers commanding at the time she begs leave to refer to the Army Records of the period and the accompanying certificates of soldiers who served with him, and had the best opportunity of knowing the service: all of which she prays may be considered part of her declaration –

She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Thackston on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1782, by John B. Smith; that her husband, the aforesaid Benjamin Thackston, died on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1832; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, Seventeen Hundred and Ninety Four: to wit, at the time above stated –

[signed] Betty Ann her X mark Thackston”

[Sworn statement of Nathaniel Thackston, another of Benjamin's sons, dated October 15, 1838, with J.P. certification]

“Virginia : Prince Edward County to wit:

I Nathaniel Thackston do hereby certify that Benjamin Thackston late of Prince Edward, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution: as well as my memory serves me in the latter part of 1776, he marched under Capt Charles Allen to Portsmouth, Va, and served on that occasion about three months: that afterwards he marched under Capt Philemon Holcomb [Holcombe] to North Carolina and was at the Battle of Guilford – How long he served on this occasion I am unable to say positively, but believe he was in service altogether more than six months –

[signed] Nathl Thackston”

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathl Thackston". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

[Sworn statement of Thomas Harvey, dated February 11, 1839, with J.P. certification.]  
“Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

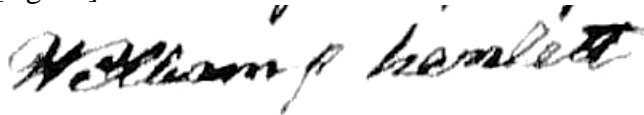
I Thomas Harvey<sup>1</sup> of Charlotte do hereby certify, that Benjamin Thackston late of Prince Edward was at the Battle of Guilford in North Carolina in 1781, and was attached to Col Washingtons Troop of Cavalry – How long he had been in service I am unable to say; for I merely met with him on that occasion: but have always understood he served some time in the army, and was considered a good and faithful soldier – He held some commission in the army, but do not recollect what –

[signed] Thomas his X mark Harvey”

[Sworn statement of William Hamlett,<sup>2</sup> dated February 11, 1839, with J.P. certification.]  
“Virginia: Charlott County to wit:

I do hereby certify, that I became acquainted with Benjamin Thackston late of Prince Edward in the early part of the War of the Revolution, and recollect of his marching to Portsmouth in 1776, and that finding he was a good hand upon a gun the officers set him to work in repairing the damaged guns of the army – How long he was in the service on this occasion I do not know, not being with him, but suppose something like eight months – I recollect distinctly that he was attached to Col Meade’s Legion and served about three months – He then marched to the south, was attached to Col. Washington’s Regiment and the next time I saw him was at the battle of Guilford – I never saw him anymore, until the close of the war – He was a good soldier and served faithfully –

[signed] William P. Hamlett”

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William P. Hamlett". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

[Sworn statement of Coleman Palmore, dated May 1, 1840, with JP certification]  
“State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Harvey R4715](#)

<sup>2</sup> [FPA S13305](#)

I Coleman Palmore of Charlotte, do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Benjamin Thackston, deceased, late of Prince Edward County, in the War of the Revolution, having served one tour of duty with him under Capt Michaux -- I recollect distinctly, that in the month of July 1781, a company of men were drafted from P. Edward under Capt Michaux, for the term of three months and that said Benjamin Thackston and myself were among the numbers and marched to Yorktown and witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis -- the said Thackston was sergeant in the company -- after surrender of Cornwallis, the said Thackston went as guard over prisoners to Winchester -- He was a great deal in service during the Revolutionary War and no doubt rendered much service to his country -- I have no register of my age but believe I am about 76 years of age --

[signed] Coleman his X mark Palmore"

[fn p. 17: Original commission dated May 16, 1785, signed by P. Henry [Patrick Henry], Governor appointing Benjamin Thackston, Gent, an Ensign of the 9<sup>th</sup> Company in the Regiment of Militia of the County of Prince Edward. The commission is countersigned by Thos. Meriwether.]

