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Pension Application of Thomas Douglass W9885

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Virginia Westmoreland County to wit Thomas Douglass aged fifty six years Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace for the said County and state aforesaid and made oath upon the holy evangelist of almighty god that he the said Douglass is in his fifty sixth year of age and resides in the County aforesaid that in the year 1781 he the said Douglass was Drafted in the spring of that year in the Continental Millitary service, for the term of Eighteen months service and he the said Douglass served for that space of time and was marched to four mile creek put und the Command of Capt. Thomas Martin and from thence to Bottoms brides [sic: Bottoms Bridge]; from thence to Cumberland Court House – from thence to york and thence to georgia under the Command of General Wane [sic: Anthony Wayne] and thence Cumberland Court House and was Discharged. he is now very infirm and poor & needs the assistance from his country  
Thomas Douglass

Westmoreland County Towit –

William Harriss [William Harris] aged about fifty seven years, came before me this day and made oath that he served with the above Thos. Douglass in the same company in revolutionary warr under the command of the same Capt & in the same regiment – given under my hand & seal this 24<sup>th</sup> May 1818.

State of Virginia. County Court of Westmoreland

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of 1818 came before the said Court – being a Court of record, personally appeared in Open Court Thomas Douglas aged about fifty six years resident in the said County, who being first sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following statement and decleration in order to obtain the provisions made by a late 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.

That he was drafted in the year 1781 for the term of eighteen months to serve in the Continental service & Virginia line, & That he was marched to Bottom's Bridge in said State and was put under the Command of Capt Thomas Martin in a Regiment commanded by Colo Febecer [sic: Christian Febiger] and by him marched to Cumberland Court House, & then to York, from thence he was marched to the State of Georgia and was under the command of Gen'l. Wane from thence he was marched to Cumberland Court House, and after his time of service expired was there regularly discharged. That he is old and infirm, in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

State of Virginia

Westmoreland County, To wit,

On This 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record agreeably to the Laws of the State of Virginia Thomas Douglass about sixty years old resident in the County of Westmoreland in said state, who being duely sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by colonel Febecer and in the company commanded by Capt Thomas Martin of the Virginia line, and that he was at the Siege of York in Virginia. afterwards was in South Carolina and was in several skirmishes with the British and Indians on the Agasha River near Savanna in georgia [sic: Ogeechee River near Savannah] , as will more fully appear by the original decleration filed in the war office dated the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1818 on which a pension certificate was granted the Thirty first day of July 1818 Number (13.414) And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Schedule &c. &c.

No real estate of any kind whatsoever.

Occupation. A farmer. Rents Land for which he pays \$30 annually.

his personal Property Consists of one small Horse supposed at the utmost to be worth 30 dollars. Seven hogs of all sizes of Hogs among which are pigs \$.

Household furniture worth \$10. valued by himself

Family [illegible word]

himself about 61 years old, very infirm. Wife about 52 years old. no children residing with him all married and gone to themselves.

Signed by Thomas Dougliss

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists the following: Thomas Douglass/ age 21/ height 5' 8¼"/ brown hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Northumberland County./ Enlisted as a substitute on 19 Mar 1781 for 18 months.

On 23 Feb 1859 Elizabeth Weymouth, 65, of Northumberland County, applied for a pension stating that as Elizabeth Shearley she was married to Thomas Douglass by Rev. William Forester in Northumberland County on 16 Nov 1824, and that Thomas Douglass died in that county on 20 Jan 1830. The file contains a copy of a bond signed by Thomas Douglass and Presley Hudson on 16 Nov 1824 for the marriage of Thomas Douglass, widower, to Elizabeth Shearley, spinster. The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Thomas Douglass dated 12 Feb 1826 and probated 12 April 1830 naming as legatees his sons Rodham Douglass and James Douglass and his wife Elizabeth. William and Louisa Headley stated that Thomas Douglass had been buried in their family graveyard. After the death of Thomas Douglass, his widow married Newton Weymouth on 11 Oct 1837, who on 5 Feb 1848 drowned in Yeocomico River. The file contains a copy of the bond signed on 19 Oct 1837 by Newton Weymouth and Richard Jewell for the marriage of Newton Weymouth, widower, to Elizabeth W. Douglass, widow.

On 13 June 1867 Elizabeth Weymouth applied for a restoration of the pension that had been suspended during the Civil War, stating that she had sustained herself "by spinning, knitting, making straw hats, and such other work as she could do in her garden and on her lot together with some Interest on a small sum of money," and "that her only son Samuel Weymouth was also true & loyal to the United States as shown by his removing to Maryland to avoid conscription in the Southern Army." On 9 Dec 1867 Thaddius H. Douglass, 66, nephew of Thomas Douglass, stated that he knew of the marriages of Elizabeth Weymouth, and that she had two small children at the time of Newton Weymouth's death. He also stated that she was opposed to the rebellion, and that "her only son Samuel Weymouth was conscripted and carried into the southern army, He came home after having remained there for a short time, and went to Maryland to get rid of service in that army," leaving his wife and child. Joseph A. Winstead, 31, stated that he "very often went to the mill for her, and also cut and howled fire wood and repairing the fence around her lot and I also patched up her house which was a log Cabbin covered with boards."