

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cornelius Thomas R__ [X800]

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Va. Thomas, Cornelius

R__

or

Va. Sea Service

Va. Half Pay

[The following note appears on the second page of the posted images of this file:

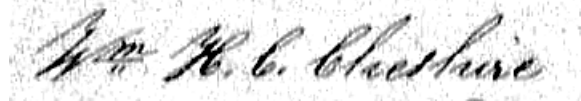
"This case has no number or jacket as it was found in the case of John Cheshire,¹ to which reference is made in the papers.

JWR

Dec. 21, 1911"]

[There are no application papers in this file]

[f p. 3: Power of attorney dated December 6, 1848 filed in Norfolk by William H. C. Cheshire in which he claims to be the heir of Cornelius Thomas Lieutenant and in which he authorizes his attorney, Richard Burgess of Washington City, to pursue whatever claims he might have to bounty land against the State of Virginia and the federal government.



As originally drawn the power of attorney included four other people but their names have been struck through and are largely illegible. They appear to be other people having the name of Cheshire.]

[f p 5: letter dated February 23, 1849 from R. Burgess, to J L Edwards, Commissioner of pensions in which he encloses the power of attorney referenced above and states that the power of attorney is given him "from one of the heirs at law of Cornelius Thomas who was an officer of the Army in the War of the Revolution in the State line, or Navy of Virginia, for half pay under the Act of five July 1832. And also Evidence of the proper heirs of John Cheshire a Lieutenant; of the State Navy of Virginia, & also a letter to me from Mr. W H C Cheshire dated November 21, 1848 from which you will perceive I am requested to 'protest against any proceedings of Doctor William Helm who has drawn the warrants for heirs who are not entitled' – &c and also the 'protest against any proceeding being made in favor of Sarah Thomas claimed heir of Cornelius Thomas' &c...."]

¹ FPA R26