I, John Thomas of the County of Buckingham, in the State of Virginia: do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution, and served as such (until after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] in October 1781, my memory does not now serve me whether the War was completely ended. I was discharged honorably in the town of Winchester my Country requiring no further service of me. Although I was an officer enlisted during the War) to the time when the arrangement of the Army provided by the resolve of Congress of the 3rd & 21st of October 1780, was carried into effect – and was reduced under that arrangement at which period I was a Captain in the first Virginia Regiment of the Continental line. I also declare that afterwards I never received a Certificate Commonly called a Commutation Certificate for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which some was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783, instead of half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780 – and I do further declare, that I have not, neither before nor since the third March 1826 received any money as a pensioner of the United States –

S/ John Thomas
September 8, 1828

I the said John Thomas do further declare that General James Wood commanded the Regiment when I was discharged, and that my Commission was forwarded on to the War Department of the United States, under the expectation of getting some pay & land bounty which I never did get, & that my Commission was lost when the War office was burnt

S/ John Thomas

before us Charles Yancey & John T Bocock, justices of the peace for the County of Buckingham State of Virginia: personally appeared before us this day Abraham Jones & Harding Woodroof of the said County, who did, severally, make oath, that John Thomas, by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is generally reputed and believed to have been an officer in the Army of the revolution in manner as therein stated. Witness our hands this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord Christ 1828.

S/ Chs. Yancey, JP

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I John Thomas of the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare that I was a Captain in Colonel Francis Taylor's Regiment in the Army of the Revolution in the Virginia Continental line for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination: and I also declare that I was not on the 15th of May 1827 on the pension list of the United States: I also further declare that I received no compensation for five years extirpate to which I was entitled under the resolve of Congress passed 15th day of May 1778. Witness my hand this 16th of February 1829

S/ John Thomas

Auditors Office 20 February 1829

I certify it appears from a Register in this office, of such Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army on Continental establishment as received Certificates for the balance of their full pay under the act of 1781 – that a certificate issued on the 30 April 1785 to Captain John Thomas for £77.17.4 and that the said Certificate was delivered to M. Bryan.

S/ Jas. E. Heath
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State of Virginia County of Buckingham

I, John Thomas age 74 years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that in the year 1776 I enlisted for the term of two years, and served in the Regiment No. Six under the command of Colonel Daniel Morgan of the Continental line; and was afterwards appointed a Captain in Colonel F. Taylor's [Francis Taylor] Regiment during the war that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the said Regiment, commanded by Colonel F. Taylor aforesaid

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever; therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I, John Thomas aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Colonel John Nicholas to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

Attest
S/ George Christian S/ John Thomas
[attested October 20, 1830]

[in a power of attorney dated January 29, 1855 executed by Schuyler W Thomas, 54, he states that he is the son of Captain John Thomas a revolutionary war soldier who died September 13, 1849; that the mother of the affiant was named Susan and she died February 27, 1842; that they were married February 1, 1821 [sic] in Buckingham County Virginia]
So L. Thomas