## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of William Thacker R10476

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## State of Virginia County of Spotsylvania

On this 5 day of January 1858 personally appeared before me Mrs. Ann Thacker who being duly sworn according to the law declares that she is a resident of the County of Spotsylvania & has been for 60 years, that she is the widow of William Thacker deceased who was a revolutionary Soldier. That she was married to the said William Thacker on the day of

\_\_\_\_\_1813.14 [sic] in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia by one Absalom Waller a Minister of the Gospel, that he died on the 6th day of March 1846 in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia that she has never applied for the benefit of any revolutionary Pension act & has never received the benefit of any land or Pension Law.

That she hereby applies for Pension due her on a/c [account?] of his Revolutionary Services under the act of 1848 or any Subsequent act passed, that she does not recollect definitely about the places to which he marched, but recollects hearing him speak of being engaged in said war & of his fare during the war & that he went from County of Hanover in the State of Virginia & about his receiving some money on a/c of his [indecipherable word or words] & that he was endeavoring for several years before his death to obtain pension money that he declared was due him & that he commenced trying through his represent [sic, representative] in Congress to obtain his Pension & also through his friend Ro. B. Sample about the year 1840 who was then Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg (but now deceased) that he was informed by him that the Muster Rolls of that portion of the Army he served in was Burnt by the British In Washington City DC he complained often that he should be barred from the Benefit of Congress after having served his country, that she also recollects hearing him say he served till peace was made, that he was 83 years of age at the time of his death & would be if living now 94 years of age, that previous to his death for many years he was white feeble & not able to prosecute his claim in person & consequently solicited the friendship of his friend Ro. B. Sample home she recollects hearing him say wrote to Washington City for him and also to his member of Congress & that the report came to him as aforesaid & that he died without ever having received any [indecipherable words<sup>1</sup>].

That there was some action taken some few years since by some agent, the nature of which he does not precisely know & if any application appears to have been made by her, she has no [several indecipherable words] never received any Land or Pension for the Revolutionary services of her late husband.



That she has never married since his death & was not married prior to 1800 & still remains his widow, that he was always a man of some means & consequently never applied under the poor act of 1818 & that she is seventy years of age. That he had two brothers who were in service one with him named James Thacker and the other named Sackville Thacker<sup>2</sup> that she is his third wife, That he married his first wife in Hanover County Virginia whose name was Jane Butler his second wife Sona Mason [could be Lona Mason] & that her maiden name was Ann Southworth, that she has no private record of the marriage nor death. She applies [for] her Pension under the act of 1853 & appoint J S Gallagher of Washington DC her attorney S/ John M. Gibson S/ Ann Thacker, X her mark

[f p 6: Wilmoth Thacker, gave testimony that she is a daughter of said William Thacker; that she saw him die and was at his funeral and lived with him for near 40 years and now lives in the same house with her stepmother in Spotsylvania County; that she recollects her father's marriage to her stepmother; that she often heard the old man speak of being in the revolutionary Service; that her father died March six, 1846.]

[f p. 8: Copy of a marriage bond issued to William Thacker and Jeffrey Bowles issued January 31, 1786 conditioned upon the marriage of William Thacker to Jane Butler, spinster, in Hanover County Virginia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> FPA S6239 transcribed 11/21/11