Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Tomason [Thomason] S7742 Transcribed by Peggy Reece Bruckner

Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

On the 28th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg and state of North Carolina now sitting George Tomason [Thomason] aged 84 years and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

I was born in Johnson [Johnston] County State of North Carolina in the year 1749. I entered the service of the United States in May 1781 as a volunteer for three months in a company of horse commanded by Capt. William Hunter of Wake County N. Carolina, Lieut. Giles Thomas, Colonel Dudley was our Commandant.

We were ordered to Chatham County to suppress the Tories, who were committing great depredation there, from that to Guilford County, Rocky River and Brushy Creek. I served my tour of three months fully out, returned to Wake County and was discharged but have long since lost it.

In the fall of the same year I again turned out volunteer for three months in a company of horse commanded by Capt. Solomon Wood, Lieutenant John Trent, Col. Hardy Sanders was our Commandant. This tour was also after the Tories in Chatham and Duplin Counties and the counties adjoining them. I served my full time of three months, returned and was discharged, but have also lost it. The whole time I served was six months. I have no documentary evidence to establish my claim having long since lost my discharge..."

Interrogatories put by the Court.

Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Johnson [Johnston] County, State of North Carolina in the year 1749.

Have you any record of your age?

No, not at this time. I have now lost it but recollect seeing it set down in a Bible - 1749.

When and where did you enter the service of the United States?

I entered the service of the United States in Wake County, North Carolina, the counties of Johnston [Johnston] and Wake joined and [I] lived near the line. I entered in the year 1781.

Where do you now reside?

I reside in Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina which I removed to thirteen years ago. [1820]

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 28th day of May 1833.

George (his X mark) Tomason [Thomason]

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice of the Peace for the County & State above written Joseph Gray aged 78 years and after being duly sworn doth on his oath say that the lived neighbor to George Tomason [Thomason] the above named applicant County of Johnson [Johnston], N Carolina & recollects that he entered service in the year 1781 and was absent from home three months and then returned. I also serviced a part of the time with him in this [time] and also in the Fall of the same year he the said Thomason Entered again for three months and was absent for three months and returned home. He went in both tours as a volunteer. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8 day of June 1833.

S/Joseh [Joseph] Gray S/J. Doherty, J Peace

We Walter S. Pharr a Clergyman residing in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina and James Doherty residing in the same, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with George Thomason who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 84 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion Sworn to & Subscribed this 28th day of May 1833

S/Walter S. Pharr S/James Doherty

And the said Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the Interrogatories prescribed by the war department, that the above named George Tomason [Thomason] was a revolutionary Soldier and served as he states and the Court further certify that Walter S. Pharr who has signed the preceding Certificate is a Clergyman resident in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina and that James Doherty who has signed the same is also a resident of the County & State above written and is a Creditable person, and their statement is entitled to credit.

I Isaac Alexander Clerk of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the Matter of the certification of George Tomason [Thomason] for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office this 30th day of May 1833.

S/Isaac Alexander C.C.C. by B. Oates D. C.