Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Threadgill W18126 Mary f40VA Transcribed by Will Graves 12/10/11

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State of North Carolina Anson County: October sessions 1832

On the 9th day of October 183 [sic] personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions John Threadgill a resident of the County of Anson State of North Carolina aged 82 years who being first 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. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. I enlisted as a private in the Company of Brunswick State of Virginia for twelve months in September 1775 under the command of Captain Mead [Richard Meade] of the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford Lieut. Col. Scott and Major Spotswood – I was in the battle at the Long or Great Bridge in Virginia in December 1775 [December 9, 1775] – and was in Norfolk Virginia when it was burned by order of Lord Dunmore [January 2, 1776], the British Governor in January 1776 – and was in a small engagement at the same place soon after the burning thereof. At the time of the declaration of American Independence I was at the Spring field Camps near Williamsburg Virginia. I was one of the guard who conveyed to Cumberland County North Carolina some Scotch-highland prisoners – Served out the full Term of twelve months and was discharged near Williamsburg State of Virginia by Lieutenant Col. Scott in September 1776. I have no documentary evidence of my Services and there is no person except my brother Thomas Threadgill whose testimony I can procure to testify to my services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Threadgill



1 Question by Court – Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born on the 17th of November 1750 in North Carolina

2nd Question by Court Have you any Record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer – My age was recorded in the family Bible By my father I do not know where it is now. 3rd Question by Court Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer – I was living in the County of Brunswick State of Virginia where I continued to live for

[indecipherable word] years after the Revolutionary war moved to [indecipherable interlineation] 4 Questioned by court How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom?

Answer. I was enlisted in the Continental service –

5. Question by Court State the name of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served – such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your Service.

Answer – Lieutenant Colonel Scott – Colonel Woodford – second Virginia Regiment – my services were confined to Virginia except was [indecipherable word or words] the company some prisoners to Cumberland County North Carolina

6th Question by Court. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I received my discharges from Lieutenant Colonel Scott which I have lost – 7 Question by Court. State the names of persons in your present neighborhood to whom you are known who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and their belief in your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. Reverend John S. Kendall, Edward Winfield Esquire [indecipherable lines of text] S/ John Threadgill

[John S Kendall, a clergyman, and Edward Winfield gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Anson County

Personally appeared before me George Dunlap one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County Colonel Thomas Threadgill a man of respectable Standing who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement. That I Thomas Threadgill and my brother John Threadgill who now lives near may in this County and State above named did enlist in the year 1775 under Captain Richard Mead, attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment for twelve months, which Regiment was under the command of Colonel Woodford Lieutenant Colonel Scott and Major Spotswood and that we both served out twelve months the full term for which we were enlisted and were discharged in Virginia in the year 1776 by Lieutenant Colonel Scott.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 29th day of September 1832.

S/ Thomas Threadgill

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[f p. 17: On April 11 [?] 1837 in Anson County North Carolina, Mary Threadgill, 79, made application for a widow's pension under the act of 1836 stating that she is the widow of John Threadgill a soldier of the revolution and pensioner for his services at the rate of \$40 per annum; that her husband died September 22nd, 1835; that she believes her husband served in the revolution before she married him or after; that her husband's brother Randall Threadgill went in

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¹ Thomas Threadgill S46345

his place and served two or three weeks and her husband went and relieved his brother and served out his time she thinks two or three tours; that before the end of the war she had four children; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Cob and resided in the lower edge of Lunenburg County adjoining Brunswick County and was married in Brunswick County by Parson Lundy in his house in her 18th year on December 12th, 1776; that she and her husband had 13 children six sons and seven daughters and raised them all; that they continued to live in Brunswick County after their marriage until February1, 1782 when they moved to Anson County North Carolina. She signed her application with her mark.

[f p. 13: On May 11, 1837 in Anson County North Carolina, George Threadgill gave testimony that he is the son of John Threadgill deceased and his wife Mary, the current petitioner for a pension; that the names and ages of their children is set forth in a prayer book printed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth of England in the year 1571 and contains the following entries: John Threadgill & Mary Cob was married the 12th day of December 1776

the following all the names and ages of their Children

George Threadgill was born the 29th day of August 1777

Ann & Mary Threadgill twins was born the 29th of October 1779

William Threadgill was born the 17th of November 1781

Thomas Threadgill was born second the day of December 1783

Elizabeth Threadgill was born the 22nd day of November 1785

John Threadgill

Howell Threadgill

Sarah Threadgill

Lucy Threadgill

Jane Threadgill

Martha Threadgill

Randle Threadgill

the affiant noted that the last seven entries also "disfaced" [sic] that he could not insert their ages.

George Thread gill

[f p. 6]

State of North Carolina Anson County: Be it known that before John M Ingram a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Personally appeared George Threadgill & after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that the same day or the day before John Threadgill filed his Declaration Claiming a Pension from the United States as a Soldier of the revolution under the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832, if he did intend to claim his Militia service with the twelve months service in the Continental line he stated to me that he had been trying to recollect his officers' names and he could not & the length of his service he was under different Officers three months one time three months the second time three months the third time but *three two last three months* [sic???] he did not serve out because he was discharged with Company but thought in the three Tours he served six months & he suppose he could prove his service by William Johnson but said Johnson belonged to another Company & he did not think said Johnson knew the length of his service therefore he did not call on said Johnson & concluded as he was old, infirm of body & mind that if he was allowed for his twelve months service it might serve

him the short time he would live & did not claim his last service I have made this statement in support of the Claim of Mary Threadgill widow of John Threadgill deceased a Soldier of the revolution & pensioner of the United States the widow claiming a pension under the Act of July 4th 1836,

Sworn & subscribed the second of October 1837 S/ John M Ingram, JP S/ George Threadgill

[f p. 33]

State of North Carolina Anson County: this day William Johnson² appeared before the Subscriber one of the justices of the said County who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that in the latter part of the year 1780 or beginning of the year 1781 part of the militia of the County of Brunswick State of Virginia was drafted into the service of the United States to repel the British Army commanded by General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] who had invaded the State of Virginia, that John Threadgill then of Brunswick County Virginia but of late of Anson County North Carolina was one of the men so drafted & served in Captain John Harrison's Company Colonel Alexander Watson's Regiment that said John Threadgill served out his time which was three months this deponent further saith he was himself in the service at the same time and same Regiment Captain William Michlin's Company further the deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before [me] this 11th day of October 1837

S/ S. C. Lindsey, JP

S/Wm Johnson

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the Virginia line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing September 22nd, 1835 for her husband's 15 months service as a private in the Virginia line and militia (his militia service was established after his death).]

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² FPA S2661