

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Thomas W9518

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term 1833

On this 10th day of January 1833 personally appeared before Robert J Hise [?], John Wasson & Thomas Kees [?] Esquires holding said court for the County of Lawrence in said State in open Court Joseph Thomas a resident of said County of Lawrence State of Tennessee aged seventy years on the 11th or 12th day of January instant who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 on the 11th or 12th day of February with Simon Morgan in Farqui [Fauquier] County State of Virginia & served in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers to wit Simon Morgan Lieutenant Robert Bell Captain __Crawford Colonel, that at Pittsburgh or Fort Pitt Colonel __Gibson took the command of the Regiment who continued in command until the spring or summer after the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] when Colonel __McIntosh took the command of the Regiment & continued in it until the expedition against the Misisha [?] & Mingo Towns when Colonel __Broadhead commanded, George Washington was commander in chief at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown & at Camps at Valley Forge – that he enlisted for three years & served out his time & was discharged the last of February or first of March 1780 at Pittsburgh or Fort Pitt Pennsylvania, that he lived in Fauquier County State of Virginia when he entered the service & returned there after his discharge, that he received a discharge but has lost it, that he was on the baggage Guard during the Battle of Brandywine & was in the Battle of Germantown, that when he first enlisted he marched from Virginia to Pittsburgh, State of Pennsylvania, from there to Philadelphia where he joined the Grand Army under Washington from there to Trenton in the State of New Jersey, thence to Brandywine where the battle was fought, thence to the Battle of Germantown thence to Valley Forge where we took up winter quarters, thence to Pittsburgh, thence down the Ohio River about thirty miles where we built a Fort called it Fort McIntosh in honor of our Colonel, thence we marched back & up the Allegheny River about twenty-five miles and built Fort Crawford; thence to the mouth of New River where we kept Garrison during the winter & returned to Pittsburgh in the spring, thence to the Minisha & Mingo Towns which we destroyed, thence back to Pittsburgh where he was discharged a short time after the expiration of three years, from the commencement of his term of service, that he was drafted and turned out volunteer to avoid being drafted about the month of October 1780 in Fauquier Virginia for six months & served under Captain Winn [James Winn] Major Triplett, & joined Colonel afterwards General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] in South Carolina and was at the taking of the Tories at Rugeley's Mill [December 4, 1780], that he served out his

term of six months & was discharged near [indecipherable name¹] by Major Triplett, making in this year and six months service in the Revolutionary War. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Thomas".

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ U. H. Buchanan, clerk

[f p 26: On November 1, 1856, in Franklin County Alabama, Mary Thomas filed an affidavit stating that she is the widow of Joseph Thomas who was a revolutionary war pensioner who drew a pension of \$80 per month commencing March fourth, 1831 up to the time of his death in Franklin County, Alabama, on July 13, 1844 and that she still remains his widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p 10: On February 10, 1857 in Franklin County Alabama, Mary Thomas, 79, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Thomas, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 29, 1826 in Lawrence County Tennessee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned at a like amount commencing February third, 1853.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Thomas".