

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Cassetty S3143

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State of Tennessee } On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Aug't 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a  
Smith County } court of record for the county aforesaid having a clerk and county seal, Thomas  
Cassetty a resident of said county aged 70 years who being first sworn according to Law, on his oath  
makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832,  
that he entered the service of the United states under the following officers, and served as herein after  
stated, To Wit, In the year 1791 [sic] he was entered and joined the company of Capt William Cherry in  
the regiment commanded by Col Joseph Crockett. he marched from Fredricktown [sic: Frederick] in  
Maryland to Pittsburgh then he was marched down the Ohio river to the falls [at present Louisville KY]  
where he remained untill he was discharged in the latter part of the year of [blank] he was in the service  
for 2 years, he was in no engagement, he was discharged by George W [George Walls] the majr under  
whom he served, but for the last discharge he has no documentary evidence and knows of no one whose  
testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services except the following —

Question 1<sup>st</sup>. Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1762 in Augusta County Virginia.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup>. have you any record of your age & what is it.

Answer. There is a record in the family bible with my friends in Virginia. I am 70 on the 9<sup>th</sup> of  
next month.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup>. Where did you live when you were called into service where have you lived since and  
where do you live now.

Answer. I lived in Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] county virginia – have lived in Franklin County Virginia part  
of the time, but the greater part of it in Jackson & Smith county Tennessee – he now resides in Smith  
county Tennessee — answers to the other questions to him in the forgoing &c. hereby relinquishes every  
claim whatever to a pension or a annuity except the present and declare that his name is not in the  
pension roll of the agency of any state or territory of the United states or elsewhere.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 28 day of August 1832 [signed] Thomas Cassetty

Tennessee }

Smith County } August Term 1833 of the County Court for said County. present the worshipful  
John Chambers, Exum Whitley and Solomon Debow Justices.

Be it remembered that on this day towit 28<sup>th</sup> August 1833, personally appeared in open court Thomas  
Cassity a resident of said County aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn, and the interrogatories  
required by the Secretary of War, being propounded, makes the following declaration in order to obtain  
the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7 June 1832. towit: that he entered the service of the United  
States as a private in the Virginia Militia for the term of two years, some time in the month of October  
1779, in the company commanded by Captain William Cherry, in Colo. Joseph Crockett's regiment,  
George Wales being Major is said regiment – that he entered the service in Botetourt County – marched to  
the barracks in Albemarle County and from thence (having charge of some British prisoners) to  
Frederick-town, Maryland – thence to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania – and from thence to the falls of the Ohio,  
where he remained until he compleated his two years tour and was there discharged. This applicant  
understood that the regiment to which he belonged was raised by authority of the state of Virginia and  
was designed to act against the Indians principally – that when the troops left Fredericktown it was  
intended to join Gena'l. Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] at Pittsburg and proceed against the Shawnee  
Indians – that the troops reached the neighborhood of Pittsburg, some time in May, where Gen'l Clarke

took the command – the expedition against the Shawnees was abandoned and in consequence thereof one or two companies of Volunteers who had joined Gen'l. Clarke, left him. the remainder of the troops (about 300 in number) descended the Ohio with Gen'l. Clarke to the falls in said river, where they arrived in the month of August. – this applicant believes the names of the Captains in service, were Abraham Tipton, John Chapman, John Carney, and Wm. Cherry – that Chapman & Tipton were killed by the Indians in the neighborhood of the falls of the Ohio [2 Sep 1781], they having gone to visit some station about six miles distant. This applicant may be mistaken as to the exact dates of his entering & being discharged the services but of this he feels confident, that he served for the term of two years, with the troops as herein before set forth, and that he was discharged the fall of the year of the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – this applicant was in no engagement – his discharge as well as he recollects was signed by the Major, George Wales, and the same has been lost and he has no documentary evidence of his services – nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his service, except as herein after set forth.

This applicant further states that he was born (as he has always understood from his relations, and from the record of his age in the family bible now with his relations in the State of Virginia) on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1762, in Augusta County Virginia, being now about 71 years old – that he resided in Botetourt County Va. when he entered the service as aforesaid – afterwards resided in Franklin county Va. – that he moved to the state of Tennessee about the year 1804 and has since lived in the Counties of Jackson & Smith in the latter state – and that he now resides in said County of Smith.

This applicant declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state or territory of the United States: and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the one now prayed for.

Upon examination of the declaration heretofore filed, this applicant discovers that it was therein set forth that he entered the service in 1791. this was a mistake; and he prays leave to correct the same.

[signed] Thomas Cassetty

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of April 1785, in the name of Thomas Cassedy as a Soldier of Infantry for £47.9.1, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Moses Hunter and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 27th day of March 1838.

Jas. E Heath Auditor.

State of Tennessee }

Smith County }

On this day personally appeared Thomas Casedy aged 76 years before me Silas C Cornwell one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that as respects his Services in the War of the Revolution he must state as heretofore that he enlisted as a regular Soldier in Botetourt County Virginia in October of 1779 That they were called the Virginia Continental line or troops Commanded he thinks by Colonel Crocket at least they were marched by him to Albemarle Barracks to take charge of the prisoners taken at Burgoyne's defeat [17 Oct 1777] they were stationed at other places in Virginia and the last of the two years he served was at Monongahala [sic: Monongahela River] they were also in Frederick town in Maryland this affiant is now old and cannot state with that Precision that he could wish the Particulars of his Services he received at the time of enlistment \$750.00 dollars bounty and was promised one hundred acres of land all of which was read to him he was sworn in by a Justice of the Peace called Lockhart. At the end of the two years and after he was regularly discharged his Captain told him he had no land coming as it was not known what the Government would do but this affiant found out afterwards that he was entitled to land

and was informed by some of his Brother Soldier in the same compay that they had obtained theirs. This affiant will now state the reason as he believes of the mistake and discrepancy in his first and second Declaration a man by the name of Dixon Allen drew up his declaration the first time it was on a court day at Carthage he lived at the time 20 miles off there was a good many in court and confusion and he was afraid from the careless manner that it was wrong but Allen insisted it was all right and he would be sure of the Pension he does not think that he even read it to him and this affiant not knowing much about such business never discovered the mistakes until the declaration came back. After this David Hagg Esqr told him that as his name could not be found on the Roll at Washington he must have been a Militia Soldier and that he ought to make his application as such. If therefore the last declaration mentions Militia Services such was not the intention of this applicant; having as he believes given a statement as to particulars of his services in his second amended declaration This affiant does not deem it worth while to repeat them. Withe regard to the certificate of Mr Heath at Richmond finding the name of Thomas Cassidy; this affiant will further state that he never knew any other man by that name he was acquainted with a great many of the Continental troops of Virginia but never saw or heard of any other person by that name except his Father who was too old to be in the War of the Revolution He recolects distinctly that he never got a certificate for the ballance of Service due him as the continental money had sunk down to nothing in 1781 but he never authorized any person to get it for him nor does this affiant now recolect any person by the name of Moses Hunter and if such a man drew the money it was from his discharge being in the hands of some person unknown to him he was absent from the State a great many years after the war and he lost it some way in which he never could satisfactorily account for and must be of oppinion that it was stolen from him

This affiant has been living in Smith and Jackson County Tennessee forty years & and is fully able to substantiate his character for truth and veracity He knows of some persons if alive that could prove his services but they are not living near this applicant Samuel McHerran Witten Deshert[?] Perry County in this state had he expects a personal knowledge of his services

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1838 [signed] Thomas Cassetty

Virginia

Harrison County Ss

Joseph Britton [pension application S8087] personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace of said County and maketh oath that in the year 1779 he listed in the service of the United States under Capt. John Chapman who was under Col. Joseph Crocket – that in the Regiment to which he was attached he remembers the names of the following persons, Harris Hammontree, William Carter, John Highwarden which last three affiant thinks were in Capt. Wm. Cherry’s company – Henry Derren Ensign [probably Henry Dearing, pension application R2898] who lived in Shannandoah County Va. Ensign Browning from Fauquier or Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Va. Ensign McGaffie – Capt. Millen – John Piper [S5932] who lives or did a few years since in or near Winchester Va John Carney of Berkley County Va Major Hunter of same county – William Wamsley [S7806] who died a few weeks ago in this County and he thinks there was one Cassity – the name seems familiar to affiant, but he has no distinct recollection of the person of said Cassity –

[signed] Joseph Britto

Sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1839 Chas. Lewis JP

NOTE:

A 23 May 1834 letter from Cassetty’s agent, William Hart, to the Pension Commissioner includes the following: “Believing it possible that some of [his old comrades] are still alive & that some one or more of them may have made application for a pension, I have desired him to name some who were in the service with him. He has accordingly given me the names of James Handy, Sergeant Major – Robert McClure, Sergeant – Tommie O’Conner [Thomas O’Conner] Sergeant – Lewis Mayfield private – William

Bean – Joseph Yaddin musician [Joseph Yader (Yeaden) S1742] – \_\_\_ Murphy Drummer – Thomas Davis [W4935], John Butler [S30295], James Gwin, Wm. Smith [William Smith S3920], Harry Carbine [Henry Carbine], William Cosko & Thomas McLane – the five first of whom he says were in the same mess with him.”

The file includes a 31 July 1837 letter apparently written by Cassetty from Bagdad