

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Gregory S41588

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina, District of Edenton, Currituck County

On this third day of May 1819, before me, one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Courts of Equity for the said State, personally appeared Thomas Gregory aged 60 years, resident in Currituck County, in the said State, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That he the said Thomas Gregory enlisted for the term of three years, on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year 1776, in Currituck County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Dennis Dangis [Dennis Dauge] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Jarvis – in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the Continental establishment: That he continued to serve in the said Corps or the service of the United States, for about sixteen months, when he was discharged in Currituck County and the State of North Carolina – that he afterwards enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Edward West in the Regiment of Colonel Gideon Lamb in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]<sup>1</sup> & was discharged at Edenton that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ja. Irdell, JIC L&E

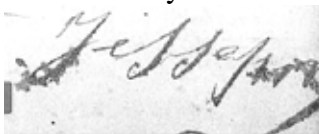
[perhaps signed by Thomas Gregory but, if so, the signature are so faint as to be illegible on the Fold3.com image or on the Ancestry.com image.]

State of North Carolina, Currituck County

Before me James Iredell Judge &c this third of May 1819 personally appeared Jesse Perry<sup>2</sup> who being duly sworn deposed that he knows that the within named Thomas Gregory enlisted in Captain Dennis Dangis company of Colonel Jarvis his Regiment on the Continental Establishment at the time within set forth and that he served in that war or at least 16 months – Deponent having enlisted in the same Corps at the same time & served for the same period.

S/ Ja. Iredell, JSCL&E

S/ Jesse Perry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Perry", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

<sup>2</sup> [Jesse Perry S8947](#)

[p 33: printed form with text filled in by hand—hand written text in blue type]

Amended declaration Currituck Superior Court of Law fall Term 1820

District of Edenton, SS.

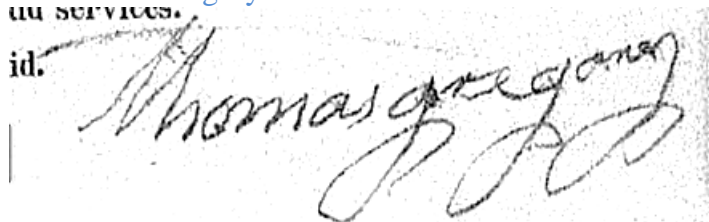
On this **Seventh** day of **November 1820**, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for the said, personally appeared **Thomas Gregory** aged **61** years, resident and **Currituck County** in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war:" that he, the said **Thomas Gregory** enlisted for the term of **nine months** on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year **1778** in \_\_\_ in the state of **North Carolina** in the company commanded by **Captain Edward West** of the Regiment commanded by **Colonel Gideon Lamb** in the line of the State of **North Carolina** on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the \_\_\_, when he was discharge from service in the state of **North Carolina**, that he was a **Waggoner in said Regiment the whole time of his said period of service** and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Gregory

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Gregory". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a faint, rectangular stamp or seal that is partially obscured by the ink.

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Currituck County, Powell's Point June 29<sup>th</sup> 1821

J. L. Edwards Esquire

Sir,

Your letter dated January 1<sup>st</sup> has been received; and I am at a loss to perceive why an old soldier, though on the wagon Department of the Army, is not equally entitled to the Protection of his Country in this [his?] decline of life, as one who fought in the field: my services may have been more humble than the services of another, but I hope they were not then less useful to the Army, and to my Country: at least my [indecipherable word] who placed and kept me, in the station, in which I then served, thought so at that time and I hope my Country will not now belittle the service, which were then of great use to her. And although it may not be sufficiently Proved, by my declaration, to the Department of War, that I was in the Army as a soldier, yet Sir time has spared some few of my Companions in arms by whom I can establish my services in the war: The limits of a declaration do not permit nor could I think it necessary to state in detail all the particulars of my servitude especially after my Claims had been acknowledged, by the state of North Carolina, and settled, soon after the peace, when the actions in the revolution were on the stage, and able to prove my services. I did not think it necessary to state, how it happened that I was placed in the wagon Department, nor the services which I performed in different portions of the Army: And you Sir must acknowledge the difficulty, which an unletterate [sic] man must find in remembering, and more so in stating, the various companies and Regiments in which he might have been involved in, the various changes which battle and other causes often produced, in the Continental Army during the war. But Sir I will now make a more particular statement to you then has hitherto been made and if it will tend to establish my claim, I will qualify, to it, in any kind of official forms which you direct. After enlisting, as stated in my declaration the troops were first rendezvoused at Edenton in this State, and were sent from thence to South Carolina. While at Edenton Colonel Lamb who was a native of this part of the country, found out, that I was a distant

connection of his family, and as an easy kind of duty, gave me the driving of one of the baggage Carts which accompanied the troops, on their march, and promised me, when they got to Headquarters, and were furnished with wagons, to give me a wagon; which promise he faithfully performed. When the regiment marched, I accompanied it, in my station, and when, as it sometimes happened, the wagon broke, or was taken, I then performed duty as a Soldier; but at other times, I drove my wagon. On one occasion but the reason of it if I ever knew, I have now forgotten I was ordered to attend with my wagon the Corps of light horse, under Count Polasky [Pulaski]; and actually served some time, in that situation but how long I have now forgotten. What Captains' companies my name might have been enrolled in, between the period of my enlistment and discharge if in more than one I have forgotten; but that I was discharged by Colonel Lamb the certificate<sup>3</sup> of my discharge will abundantly prove now on file in the Secretary's Office of this State, where it was put by Spence Hall Esquire deceased formerly of this County: and it will also appear, by the records of that office, that there was another person of my name on the same roles who enlisted for a longer term than I did.

I am Sir your most Obedient humble servant

S/ Thomas Gregory



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Original Claim

State of North Carolina, Currituck County: District of Edenton

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1822 Personally appeared in open court, (it being a Court of record) for the County of Currituck, Thomas Gregory, aged 63 years who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, that he the said Thomas Gregory enlisted for the term of nine months on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1778 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Edward West, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gideon Lamb in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps nine months when he was discharged from the said Service in Edenton in the State of North Carolina at said place was discharged by Colonel Gideon Lamb.

That he was in the Battle of Stono and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Service except the affidavit of Josiah Dawdy [could be Dowdy].

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

1 chest valued at

\$2.50

Thomas Gregory aged 63

[illegible name]

[illegible name]

<sup>3</sup> This document is not among the documents in this file.

[illegible name]

[illegible name]

[illegible name]

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Sworn to and declared on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of may 1832 before

S/ S. Hall, C.C.C.C.

S/ C. Etheridge

S/ Jesse Barnard

S/ C. Forbs

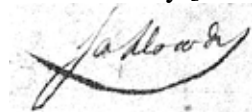
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Josiah Dawdy [could be Dowdy] being Sworn in due form deposeeth that he well knows Thomas Gregory and that he served in the Army of the revolution in the Continental Establishment for the Term of nine months.

Sworn in open Court

S/ S. Hall, C. C. C. C.

S/ Jo. Dawdy [could be Dowdy]



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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1822

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls in this Office, of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War that Thomas Gregory a private in Captain Gee's Company of the second Regiment was mustered in the year 1777 for the War, and nothing more is said of him on said Rolls – That they Thomas Gregory a private was mustered on 10 November 1778 or nine months, and Captain Sharks Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment and that nothing more said of him.

Given under my hand at Office the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

The name of Thomas Gregory does not appear on the muster rolls except as mentioned in the above Certificate

Given &c 16<sup>th</sup> March 1822

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 20<sup>th</sup> January 1819

I do hereby Certify that it appears from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Gregory a private in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment was in the service of the United States on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1778 49 months, but the muster roll does not state the length of time he served or when discharged.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State

[p 12: A letter dated November 9, 1838 refers to the veteran still being alive and in need of an additional pension in order to "enable him to live in any comfort as he formally has done". This letter is signed by Joshua Hanson and addressed to J L Edwards, Esquire, the Commissioner of Pensions.]

[Facts in file: Veteran had a wife named Betsey at the time he filed for his pension; he also had a daughter named Letisty, born May 1, 1816, who stated that her mother died a few days after her birth.]

In 1888, a Letisty Parker is referenced in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 3, 1819, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]