

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cassity R1793

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South Carolina Sumter District: On this 10th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me Baylis J Earle one of the Associate Judges of the State of South Carolina and a presiding Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas of said State, Thomas Cassity, a resident of Sumter district in said State aged seventy 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.

That in 1781 he entered as a volunteer in the company of Captain Joseph Hill attached to Regiment of Colonel Richard Richardson in General Francis Marion's brigade. That he remained in same brigade in the Companies of Captain Hill – Captain Malone [John Malone] – Captain Douglass Stark – Captain James Cantey and remained until the end of [the] war when Marion's brigade was discharged by the General himself. That he was in service eighteen months. Was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – and at the skirmish with the British at the Brick House when Biggin Church was destroyed. He has no documentary evidence of his service but refers to the testimony of William Vaughan a fellow soldier to corroborate his statement.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State, but is on the Pension Roll of the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ B. J. Earle

S/ Thomas Cassity, X his mark

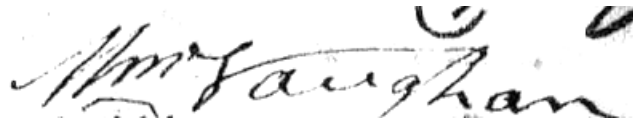
And on the same day & year aforesaid before me the said B J Earle presiding Judge as aforesaid appears of William Vaughan¹ who being duly sworn saith, that during the Revolution he was acquainted with the applicant, Thomas Cassity – was in service with him in Marion's brigade, and knows the facts from personal knowledge stated in the declaration of said Thomas Cassity.

Sworn to year & day aforesaid.

S/ B J Earle

S/ Wm Vaughan

¹ [William Vaughan W11691](#)



[William Vaughan and Noel Vaughan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this the 4th day of October A.D. 1833 before me Franklin J Moses, Justice of the Quorum for said district & State, personally appeared Thomas Cassity, who being duly sworn, deposes and says, by way of amendment to his declaration for a pension in conformity with a letter of instructions of the Honorable J L Edwards Commissioner of Pensions, dated at the Pension office on the 16th of September 1833,

That in 1781 he entered as a volunteer in the company of Captain Joseph Hill in the Regiment of Colonel Richard Richardson and General Marion as Brigade. That he entered said company on the Wateree River near Sumter's landing. That the duty of said company consisted in reconnoitering from the Wateree [River] down to Georgetown on the Pedee [River] – that he remained in said company of Captain Hill for three months doing duty as a private – That the next company he was in was that of Captain John Postell in the Regiment of Colonel James Postell that he entered here as a Volunteer – that duty of said company consisted of reconnoitering in the same way, & over the same Country that the company of Captain Hill traversed – that he remained in company of Captain Postell for six months. That he next volunteered in a company of Captain John Malone in the Regiment of Colonel Richard Richardson – that the duty of said company was the same as that of Captain Hill's and Postell's. That while in Captain Malone's Company, they had a skirmish below Manchester with a party of Tories & dispersed them, that he was in his company five months – he was still serving as a private.

This deponent was then drafted in the company of Captain Douglass Stark a militia Captain – Henry Bates was his first Lieutenant & James Bates Ensign. This deponent served as a private in said company. He joined it at Raften Creek, then in old Camden district. They marched from there to join Marion – Stark's company was in the Regiment of Colonel Eli Kershaw – they joined General Marion near the mouth of Santee [River], at a place called Sampit – then marched across Santee to Raysbury [?] to overtake the baggage wagons of the British, which they seized and took forty of their men prisoners – then crossed the Santee below Manchester and marched until they crossed the Congaree & Wateree Rivers, and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] brigade near Manchester. Marion & Green's brigade then united crossed the Santee, & then the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] took place. *After the battle, the British having retreated, this deponent with the Brigades of Green & Marion united pursued the British & overtook them at the Brick House, after the skirmish at Biggin Church, where the British burned the church. This deponent was in the company (still) of Captain Douglass Stark and remained in it altogether from his first being drafted into it, until after the battle of Eutaw Springs when he was discharged by General Marion, by a written discharge which is destroyed. This deponent then was drafted into the company of Captain James Cantey in the² Regiment of Colonel John Marshall -- he was a private. The company was marched to the Four Holes bridge on Edisto [River] & stationed there for 3 months & 10 days – after being discharge from this*

² The text in italics is missing from the version posted on Fold3.com but can be found on the version posted on Ancestry.com.

duty, this deponent returned home.

This deponent then went as a substitute for his uncle Charles Speers in Captain James Cantey's Company – Charles McGinney was Lieutenant was marched to Charleston, & the second day they got there, the British evacuated Charleston – on this tour as a substitute he was in service for four weeks – he was then finally discharged.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day & year above written.

S/ Franklin J Moses, JQ

S/ Thomas Cassity, X his mark

[p 12: "List of rejected claims printed in 1852 shows cause of rejection as follows: 'He did not serve in any regularly organized Corps.'"]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to Thomas Cassity	AA3
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1137B	
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[Note: This file only contains 5 receipts for annual payments to Cassity by the State of South Carolina in payment of an annuity of \$60. The first receipt is dated 10 June 1829 and the last 10 June 1834. These receipts indicate that the State of South Carolina granted the veteran a pension for services rendered in the Revolution. Unfortunately, the underlying petition for the pension is not in the file.]

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.