

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

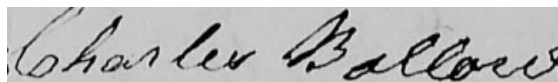
Pension Application of Thomas Fitzsimmons S17952 VA
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United States of America
District of Kentucky SS.

On the twenty eighth day of May A.D. 1818 before me Robert Trimble Judge of the District Court of the United States for the said District, personally appears Thomas Fitzsimmons aged fifty six years, resident in the County of Shelby 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War"

That the said Thomas Fitzsimmons enlisted in the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia as a private Soldier for eighteen months in Capt. Cunninghams [William Cunningham's] Company in Col. Richard Parkers Regiment in the Virginia Continental line – that he continued to serve in said corps during the said eighteen months & was discharged, soon after which he enlisted in other corps in the service of the United States, & served to the close of the war, or till after the battle of York Town [sic: Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – that on the expiration of his eighteen months enlistment he was discharged at Middlebrook in New Jersey, and at the expiration of the last enlistment – he was discharged at Little York, in York Town in Virginia that he was in the following battles, viz Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], White Plains [28 Oct 1776] – Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] – Petersburg [Battle of Blandford Hill near Petersburg VA, 25 Apr 1781] & York Town, – that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support – that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services excepting what in hereto annexed & that he has never received any pension either from the Government of the United States or any of them. Thos. hisXmark Fitzsimmons

I Charles Ballow [pension application W2905] of the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I was a Sergeant in Capt. Cunninghams Company in Col. Richard Parkers Regiment in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary war – that I was acquainted with Thomas Fitzsimmons, who was a private in said Company – that I then understood & do believe that said Fitzsimmons was enlisted for eighteen months – that he served with me in said Company more than nine months & was honorably discharged.
[28 May 1818]



State of Kentucky Shelby County Court Set

On this 19th day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the said Circuit Thomas Fitzsimmons aged fifty nine years resident in the said Shelby County in the said Circuit who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit that he in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia in the fall of the year 1777 enlisted as a private Soldier to serve three years into Captain William Cunninghams Company belonging to the first Virginia Continental Regiment Commanded at that time by Col. Richard Parker that he was marched on from Virginia to the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania thence on further to the North, where he served out the said three years & was discharged at West Point on the Hudson River in the fall of the year 1780 that he was in the following battles and skirmishes to wit Monmouth Middle brook [unknown] and Stony Point on Hudson River [sic: Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779] that he returned home to Virginia & in February 1781 enlisted as a private Soldier to serve during the War into Captain Minis [sic: Holman Minnis's] Company belonging to the said Virginia first Regiment & was marched out to the State of South Carolina and was Guarding some prisoners near Guilford Court house

at the time of the battle that he was immediately after the said battle of Guilford Marched back to Virginia and to Little York and was in that Seige that soon after the Surrender of lord Cornwallis he was discharged at York that he has received a Pension Certificate under the act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818. No 15057 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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 that he is by Occupation a farmer and is unable to labour much on account of a wound which he received on the heel of his right foot at the battle of Monmouth & on account of a wound which he received by the fall from an horse about seven years ago which brook his sholder that he has no family living with him except his wife & one Negro boy about Eleven or twelve years old named Silas. A Schedule of the Property of Thomas Fitzsimmons Viz,

1 Mare Saddle & bridle value	\$50.	\$50
1 D’o 18 years old “	10.	10
1 Colt one year old last June	10.	10
3 Cows & Calves “ ”	10 each. . .	30
3 Heifers 2 years old past “	5 D’o. . .	15
14 old Hogs “ ” “ ”	2 D’o. . .	28
7 young Pigs “ ” “ ”	.17 each. .	1.19
1 Negro Boy named Silas 11 or 12 years old	300. .	<u>300</u>
		\$444.19
one Cupboard		<u>10.</u>
		\$454 19

I am Security for \$100 & interest & costs amounting to \$18. to I Henderson Esq’r. of New Castle the Principle John Fitzsimmons unable to pay, Judgment recovered against me in the Shelby Circuit Court September 12th 1820 leaving me worth \$336.19

Witness/ L. Broadhead

Thomas hisXmark Fitzsimmons

[Fitzsimmons pension was apparently suspended because it was considered that he owned too much property.]

State of Kentucky
Shelby County Sct.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of “an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution,” approved on the 15th day of May 1828, I Thomas Fitzsimmons in the County of Shelby in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution for and during the war, and continued in its service untill its termination, at which period I was a private in Captain Holeman Minnis Company in the 1st Regiment, of the Virginia line.

And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80. to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not, on the 15th day of March 1828, on the pension list of the United States.

Thomas hisXmark Fitzsimmons

State of Indiana } s.s.
Hendricks County }

On this twelveth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, personally appeared in open Court at a Court began and held at the Court House in the Town of Danville County and State first aforesaid (on the second Monday in February in the year aforesaid) Before the Honourable Henry H. Marvin Esquire sole Judge of the Probate Court of said County and State first aforesaid, Thomas Fitzsimmons, a resident of the County of Hendricks and State of Indiana aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 provisions made by the act of Congress, passed June seventh in the year of Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-two That he enlisted in the army of the United States, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven in the month of September or the first of October in said year last aforesaid with Captain William Cunningam for three years, and served in the Virginia line, called the first Virginia Ridgment and served in the Army of the United States three years, under the following named officers viz Col. William Parker [sic], Gen. — Mulinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Major — Dickerson [sic: Edmund B. Dickinson] who was killed at the battle at monmouth Plains and was succeeded by Major — Menas, Capt William Cunningam and Lieutenant — Greer, that he entered the service of the United States under the Enlistment aforesaid in the month of March 1778 and served three years. was a resident of Cumberland County not fare from Richmond in the State of Virginia which was subsequently [sic: in 1777] struck off of Cumberland County and called Powhatan County, He was marched to the State of New York at a point called West point immediately after the battle at monmouth Plains He was in said Battle. they had a hard fight and many were killed some by balls and other from heat fought all day. does not know the precise number killed and wounded on either side. General [Charles] Lee Commanded at the battle aforesaid, with Gen [Charles] Scott General Washington arrived in the after part of said aforesaid day at a time when the Americans were retreating from before the Brittons, Gen. George Washington had Gen. Lee arrested on the same day for a supposed offence. He was afterwards marched under the aforesaid officers to the White Plains, and thence to West Point aforesaid, from West Point, he was marched to a place called Middlebrook at Middle brook He joined General Wain [sic: Anthony Wayne] by the Permission of General Washington was marched by General Wain to Stoney Point and took Stoney Point without loss of any consequence with several prisoners some four or five hundred, served under General Wane for one year it being a part of the time aforesaid. He again Enlisted under Holman Minos Capt. during the war, obtained a furlow and returned home, from the North to Virginia Joined the army again at Cumberland Court House in the State of virginia in the year of our Lord Eighty one, and was marched under the first aforesaid officers to Charlestown South Carolina, was sick at Charlestown when a battle was fought there by General Gates, Col. Wm. Parker was killed at Charlestown, and was succeeded by Col. — Willis Retreated from before the Brittish, To Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina, at which Place there was a battle fought [see endnote], and the Brittish succeeded over the Americans, there were many killed and wounded at the battle aforesaid, on both sides. He was then marched back to the State of Virginia again to Little York, there he assisted in taking Gen. Cornwallis [on 19 Oct 1781], and defeating the Brittish army. General George Washington was at the battle at Little York commanding in Person with many other Generals and officers at which time he was discharge to wit in the year 1781 in the month of October 17th day thereof serving in all three years one month & 17 days and received a regular discharge but has lost his discharge since, after having served in all three years seven months and seventeen days – Interrogatories Propounded by the Court to the aforesaid applicant.

1 Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-one.

2 Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer. I have no Record of my age. I have been informed that I was born in the year 1761, in the month of March was sixteen years old when he entered the service of these United States.

3 Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live.

Ans I was living in Cumberland County in the State of Virginia. I have lived since the Revolutionary war in the States of Virginia Kentucky and Indiana, and I now live in Hendricks County Indiana and have been living in said County for one year last fall.

4th How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute And if a substitute for whom

Ans. I was enlisted, twice first for the time of three years and secondly during the War.

5. State some of the names of the regular officers who were with the troops, where you served such Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can Recollect, and the General circumstances, of your services

Ans. General — Mulenberg Col. Wm Parker, Maj. Minas, General George Washington, General Lee, Maj. Dickerson who was killed at Charlestown South Carolina [sic] there was the Virginia line, Malitia of the State of Virginia, Mareland Malitia and the New York Malitia, and the general circumstances of any services are detailed in this declaration to which you will please reffer.

He hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension , or annuity except the present And he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State except only on that of the agency in the State of Kentucky under the Act of Congress Passed 15 May 1828, Entitled an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution

Thomas hisXmark Fitzsimmons

[The following are from [Bounty-Warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two separate files.]

[26 June 1819] I Thomas Fitzsimmons of the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky do declare, that I was born & raised in Powhatan county in Virginia, that I about one year before the battle of Monmouth enlisted for three years, into Capt. Minnis Company belonging to Col. Parkers Virginia Continental Regiment – I enlisted at Cumberland old Court House – we rendezvoused in the old Court House for a while & then marched to Fredericksburg & thence to the Valley forge where we joined the main army – that from the valley forge I went with the army to Monmouth, & was in the battle at that place – thence we marched to the White Plains – from thence we were marched to West point. Having received a wound in the battle of Monmouth, which had not healed, & had grown worse at West point & had rendered me unfit for duty, I got a furlough & returned home to Virginia ; after a few months my wound got better, I joined my Company at the said Old Court House, & under the command of Gen. Muhlingburg we marched to the South & I was at the battle of Guilford Court House; my three years expired & I was honorably discharged, & I then immediately enlisted into the same company to serve during the war, & at the time I last enlisted the Company was commanded by Capt. Hutson, we continued to the South, until we marched in to Virginia to join Gen. Washington at York Town, that I was in the battle of York Town, & continued in service until the war was closed & was honorably discharged, – that the year after the peace I moved to the Western part of Virginia where I lived a few years & then removed to Kentucky where I have lived ever since – that when I left my Father's the year after the peace, I left my two discharges at his house, he died a few years after & where his papers or my discharged went to I can not tell – I never saw or heard of them after I left them. – The wound in my heel which I received at Monmouth has ever since troubled me & I have been a cripple ever since.

Thomas hisXmark Fitzsimmons

State of Kentucky } Sct
Franklin County } [12 Oct 1833]

I Thomas Fitzsimmons of Shelby County Kentucky upon my oath solemnly swear that I in the year 1776 (the time not recollected) enlisted as a regular soldier for three years in Capt William Cunninghams Company of the first Virginia Regiment, on continental establishment, that he served out his three years for which he enlisted, and thereupon he immediately enlisted for and during the war, in Holman Minis's Company of the first Virginia Regiment, that he faithfully Served out the whole war as a private soldier, the period of his enlistment that Col Parker was the Commander of s'd Regiment Peter Mughlenburgh the Gen'l of the brigade, that he was discharged, soon after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis, which discharge he has lost or mislaid, that he never has drawn from the state of Virginia his bounty land nor transfered his claim to the same that he now is a pensioner under the act of Congress [several words missing from online image]

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name Thomas Phitzimons.]

BOUNTY LAND/ FOR REVOLUTIONARY SERVICES

STATE OF Kentucky } ss.
County of Franklin } [4 July 1832]

I Thomas Phitzemons aged Seventy One years, do upon oath testify and declare, that about or in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I enlisted or entered the service as a Private for three years & then enlisted for the term of during the war, in the regiment commanded by Col Parker and afterwards served in same regiment, under the command of Colonel [blank] of the Virginia line and when I was a private in the first virginia redgement in Capt Holman Minnis when discharged

I further declare that I have ~~never~~ received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States, nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatever:
[Power of attorney follows.]

NOTES:

The following statement in Fitzsimmons's 1832 declaration is confused: "was sick at Charlestown when a battle was fought there by General Gates, Col. Wm. Parker was killed at Charlestown, and was succeeded by Col. — Willis Retreated from before the Brittish, To Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina, at which Place there was a battle fought." The only battle fought by Gen. Horatio Gates in the South was at Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780. Col. Richard Parker was killed on 24 April 1780 during the Siege of Charleston, where almost the entire Virginia Continental army was surrendered on 12 May. I could not identify Col. Willis. The Battle of Guilford Courthouse occurred much later.

Fitzsimmon's claim under the act of 1832 was rejected, because he was already a pensioner under the act of 1828.

On 16 Nov 1838 Thomas Fitzsimmons applied to have his federal pension transferred to Indiana, having moved to Hendricks County for the following reasons: "provisions were cheaper in Indiana than in Kentucky and therefore he could support his wife and family much cheaper and because also his children were all partly living in Indiana."