

### **Pension Application for Thomas Church**

S.12465

State of Connecticut SS. Middletown

On this fourteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred & eighteen before me the Subscriber one of the Judge of the Superior court for the State of Connecticut, personally appears Thomas Church aged sixty nine years, resident in Haddam, 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War".

That he the said Thomas Church, on the fore part of October one thousand, seven hundred & seventy seven, enlisted in Fishkills in the State of New York in the company commanded by Capt. Jarius Wilcox in the Corps under the command of Major Painter of Artillery artificers; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the month of April one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine when he left the army by permission, having employed a man by the name of Rugg to remain in his name, who was accepted in his stead, but interim discharge was requesting or given.

That he was in no battle & that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Sworn to & declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S. Titus Hosmer. Judge of the Superior Court for the State of Connecticut.

Letter in folder dated February 20, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12465, it appears that Thomas Church enlisted at Fishkill, New York in October 1777 and served as an artificer in Captains Jarius Wilcox and William Sizer's Companies of Colonel Jeduthan Baldwin's Regiment of Artillery Artificers, until April 1779.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 14, 1818 while living at Haddam, Middlesex County, Connecticut. In 1820 he referred to his wife, her name not given, aged sixty years and he was then about seventy-one years of age. In 1832 he was also a resident of said town.

There are no further data on file as to his family.