

**Pension Application for John (or John F.) Thomas**

R.10500

State of Ohio

County of Lake

In Open Court

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1857 Before the Court of Probate held within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared James H. Thomas age seventy years a Resident of Ashtabula County, Ohio, while being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his said oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the act of Congress passed May 13<sup>th</sup> 1828, for himself and others, that he is one of the children of Heirs at Law of John Thomas Dec's who was a Revolutionary Soldier and who served during the war and in a Company of Rangers. The number of his company or the Capt. I don't now Recollect, nor the Regt but I think it was Col. Warner who commanded but I am not positive.

I understood him to say that he made two enlistments the first one at the commencement of the Revolutionary War at Skeensborough now called Whitehall and where he was born, and raised until he entered the army of the United States and after serving out his first enlistment he then enlisted into a company of Rangers, for during the war, and served for some time previous to the close of the war as first sergeant and was in actual service in the war until the end. When he was honorabl[ly] discharged but that he never drew any land or the eighty dollars in money due him the the resolves of Congress passed Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1777[?] and also by a resolve passed May 15<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1778. He further states that he left no documentary evidence of his service and that he died in July 3<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1836, and left a widow Rebecca Thomas whose maiden name was Rebecca Holiday who died his widow March 11<sup>th</sup> 1832, and that neither of them ever drew a pension, and that the only surviving children are James H. Thomas, your petitioner and Betsey Thomas also Betsey Bishop, Amelia Thomas, also Amelia Lawrence and who are both now living and reside in Otsego County, State of New York. Betsey the oldest aged 86 years and the other Amelia 60 years and in which county & state John Thomas died. And he further states, that as there were several young men in the town where he resided that for several years previous to his death he wrote his name John F. Thomas taking the first letter of his mother's name to prevent mistakes in letters and other business matters.

He hereby appoints Rowland Moseley his true and lawful attorney with power of substitution to prosecute his claim to receive the Certificate where [?] and to do all other acts necessary to do that is proper in the premises. (Signed) James H. Thomas.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed the seal of the Probate Court of Lake County 1& the day & year as above. Lord Sterling Probate Judge.