

Pension Application for Daniel Thomas

R.10495

State of Ohio

County of Gallia SS.

On this eighteenth day of March AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight personally appeared in open court before the Probate Court of the County of Gallia and State of Ohio Daniel Thomas a resident of Middleport in the County of Meigs and State of Ohio aged one hundred years on the twenty sixth day of April AD 1858. 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 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven with Captain Joseph Cook and served in either the eighth or ninth regiment of the New York line, under the following officers. Lieutenant Davenport—Captain Joseph Cook—Major Taylor—Colonel Lewis VanVort or (VanWert).

That he enlisted at Stillwater in the State of New York in the last part of August, or first part of September (loss of Memory prevents him from saying exactly) in the year AD 1777, for; the period of five years or during the war, and that he remained in the service till the end of the war and was honorably discharged at Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania.

That he was at the taking of Burgoyne at the battle of Stillwater, about two weeks after he entered the army.

That he was at the battle of Saratoga and at the surrender of Burgoyne; after the battle of Saratoga we were marched from one fort to another, till at Yellow creek in Pennsylvania, something over a year; while on a scout after the Indians one Solomon Baker and himself were taken by about eighty Indians as prisoners and conveyed by them to a place called Point Du Plait in Canada where we were to be burned at the stake, when Captain Elliot, the British Commissary, who lived two miles below Mulden and Simon Gerty rescued us, by paying twenty gallons of Rum and fifteen dressed buck skins for him. He then attended Elliot's cattle about nine months, when he formed a canoe and [corked?] it and crossed Lake Erie, alone, from Long Point to Presque Island and made his way to Philadelphia where he rejoined his regiment, after which we were marched from one point to another in the States of New York and Pennsylvania, and was finally and honorably discharged at Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of the Revolutionary War, in the year AD 1783.

That he received a written discharge, which as burned up at the burning of his house about five years ago, in the County of Meigs aforesaid.

That he does not know of one witness, who is now living to prove his said service.

He makes this declaration in the County of Gallia instead of the County of Meigs, where he resides, because he prefers to have the claim prosecuted by his said Attorney VM Finn of [Collipolis?] in said county; and that he could not get any one to prosecute his claim to his satisfaction in said County of Meigs.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on any Pension Roll of any Agency in any state or territory. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Thomas.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. W.H. Morehead, Probate Judge &c.

Questions and answers of the above applicant.

Q-1. Where and in what year were you born.

A. I was born in Cambridge Township Saratoga County New York in the year AD 1758.

Q-2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

A. I have none but my age is recorded in the township when I was born.

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

A. I was living in Saratoga County since then I lived in Allegheny Co. near Cumberland and in [?] Town Ohio I now live at Middleport Meigs County Ohio.

Q-4. How were you called into service.

A. I enlisted.

Q-5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served?

A. Capt Cook, Major Taylor, Colonel VanVort.

Q-6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so bay whom was it given and what has become of it.

A. Yes it was given me by Washington's aid de camp. It was burned in my house in Meig's County Ohio.

Q-7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood.

Ans. Rodney Downing & Warren Jones and others. Is the Judge of the said court do hereby after the above interrogatories is the Judge of the said court do hereby declare that I believe the above named applicant was a revolutionary Soldier and that he served as he states. And I also acting as clerk of said Probate Court do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of Daniel Thomas for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 18th day of March AD 1858. W H. Morehead, Probate Judge G.C.