

### **Pension Application for George Thomas**

W.19035 (Former Widow: Prudence Simpkins. This widow's last husband was pensioned. See claim of Robert Simpkins, New York, S.14463  
State of New-York,  
Supreme Court  
City of Albany.

On this tenth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, (being a court of record in and for the said State, according to the solemn adjudications of the Supreme Court of this state, and being a court which proceeds according to the course of common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment) George Thomas late a private aged seventy years, resident in the town of Westerlo, in said County who, being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:

In the company commanded by Captain Johnson in Col. Debois's Regiment of Infantry on the Continental Establishment, in the New York Line, for the term & in the manner specified, in his original declaration, on file in the Pension Office, at Washington, dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818, his certificate is Numbered S.456—and was issued on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1881—and that he has received his Pension, at the rate of eight dollars per month, up to the fourth day of March last.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 I have a wife aged sixty one years, two children one of whom is a cripple & wholly unable to support herself that I have no occupation. And that the following is as Schedule of my Real & Personal Estate. Viz.

Real Estate, none.

Personal Estate, one hog, four dollars, one table & six chairs, four dollars, Six cups & saucers, Sugar cup, Milk Pot & Tear Pot sixty two cents. Six palates & two dishes one dollar, six table tea spoons fifty cents, six knives & forks seventy five cents, one Iron Pot Tea Kettle one dollars, Andirons shovel & tongs Three dollars & fifty cents, one flatt iron twenty five cents, one ax seventy five cents, one tub & barrel one dollar, one pail twenty five cents. (Signed with his mark) George Thomas

Sworn to and declared in open court this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820.

Letter in folder dated November 17, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Robert Simpkins, a Revolutionary War soldier of New York.

You are furnished herein the record of the only Robert Simpkins found in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The record has been found of a George Thomas which will be of interest to you in your research. His record, also, is furnished herein.

ROBERT SIMKINS  
S.14465

The data which follow in regard to Robert Simpkins were obtained from the papers in pension claim, S.14465, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Robert Simpkins was born March 31, 1749, in Phillipstown, Putnam County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted in the fall of 1775 or the spring of 1776 and served at various times until the close of the Revolution, amounting in all to one year, one month, one week, as private under Captains George Lane and Drake, Major Andrew Hill and Colonel Luddington in the New York troops. During his service he was in the battle of White Plains. About six months before the end of the war he moved to New Marlborough, Massachusetts, where he lived six months, then moved to Oblong, New York, remained there three years, thence to Westerlo, Albany County, New York, and while living there was allowed pension on his application executed August 8, 1832. He died June 12, 1835.

In 1833, while residing in Westerlo, New York, Robert Simpkins stated that he had lost his wife. He referred, also, to children but did not state the name of his wife or of his children.

GEORGE THOMAS  
W.19035

You are furnished herein the record of George Thomas as found in the claims for pension under File W.19035, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of George Thomas and named of his parents were not given.

George Thomas enlisted in the fall of 1778 or 1779 in Dutchess County, New York, served as private in Captain Johnson's company, Colonel Lewis DuBoys' New York regiment, and was discharged at West Point after having served three years for which he enlisted.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed May 4, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Westerlo, Albany County, New York.

In 1820, George Thomas was still living in Westerlo, New York. He died August 27, 1822 in Ballston, Saratoga County, New York.

George Thomas married in the fall of 1776, near Cold Spring In Dutchess County, New York, Prudence Wood, a resident of Nine Partners, same county and where she remained during her husband's service in the Revolution.

Prudence Thomas, widow of George, married October 10, 1835, in Westerlo, Albany County, New York, Robert Simpkins, also a soldier and pensioner of the Revolutionary War, and who died June 12, 1835.

Prudence Simpkins, widow of Robert Simpkins, was allowed pension on account of the Revolutionary War service of her former husband, George Thomas, on her application executed April 28, 1843, at which time she was aged eighty-three years and a resident of Albany, Albany County, New York.

The following names of children of George Thomas and his wife, Prudence, are shown in the claims:

Phebe, first child who later married Briggs Sherman

Cornell, second child who died prior to 1843.

Elizabeth third child born September 11, 1782, married Henry Lonus or Lohnes born Jan. 1, 1776; date of his death not shown. She married later William West and in 1843 was living in Durham, Greene County, New York.

Mary, tenth child, born October 2, 1801; living in Albany, N.Y., in 1843, when she signed Mary Thomas.

The following names of children of Henry Lonus or Lohnes and his wife,, Elizabeth, (daughter of George Thomas), appear in the claims, also:

Faney Lonus born June 24, 1804.

Henry Lonus or Lohnes, born November 13, 1809.

Eliza Lohnes born October 15, 1811.

Isaac Lohnes, born October 3, 1813.

The following data, also, are shown in the family record of Henry Lonus or Lohnes and his wife, Elizabeth, but their relationship was not designated:

Olonzo Davis born January 8, 1820.

Alban Davis born March 15, 1822.

Hariet Davis born April 20, 1824.

Prudence Simpkins, former widow of George Thomas, had a younger sister, Mary, who was born July 24, 1761, married in January 1779. One \_\_\_Dewell, and in 1843 was living in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York.