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JOINER, THOMAS

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North Carolina No. 31983

**THOMAS JOINER** of Mecklenburg Co. in the state of North Carolina who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas in the North Carolina line for six months.

Inscribed on the roll of North Carolina at the rate of 20 dollars per annum to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1831.

Certificate of pension issued the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1842 and sent to **SAMUEL SILLIMAN**, Salisbury, NC

Arrears to the 4 <sup>th</sup> of September 1842	\$230.00
Semi-Anl. Allowance ending 4 <sup>th</sup> March 1843	\$10.00
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	\$240.00

Revolutionary Claim  
Act June 7, 1832

Recorded **W. M. STUART**, clerk  
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Recorded 15 September 1842  
Let 26 September 1842 to **SAMUEL SILLMAN**

Letter to Pension Agent 7 December 1843.

Same person 7 March 1844

Jno. [**JOHN**] **Y. BRYANT** 21 Sept 1852

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State of North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

Be it known that on this eighth day of December AD 1851, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared **SARAH SAUNDERS** a resident of Mecklenburg County, and made oath in due form of law that she is the daughter of **THOMAS JOINER**, who made application for a pension, and was allowed at the rate of \$ per annum, that she has been informed that the said pension ought to be increased, that she is directly interested as a claimant in said pension, and makes this affidavit to be filed with such additional evidence or arguments as my agent or attorney may use in prosecuting said claim.

**SARAH SAUNDERS** {her mark}

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

**C. B. CROSS**, JP

I **C. B. CROSS**, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county do hereby certify that **SARAH SAUNDERS**, who executed the foregoing paper, is a respectable resident of this county and is, I believe, directly interested in said claim as therein set forth.

**C. B. CROSS**, JP

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State of North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

Know all men by these presents, that I, **SARAH SAUNDERS** of the county of Mecklenburg and state of North Carolina, do hereby constitute and appoint **JAMES C. FLOW** my true and lawful agent and attorney to prosecute the claim of **THOMAS JOINER** for any amount of Revolutionary Pension or increase of Pension that may be due, and I hereby authorize my said agent to examine all the papers and documents in relation to said claim on file in the Department in Washington City or elsewhere, to file additional evidence or arguments, and to receive the certificate which may be issued for said claim, which certificate I wish made payable to **JAMES C. FLOW** to appoint one or more substitutes under him for the purposes herein expressed and to do all things that I might or could do were I personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney and agent shall lawfully do in the premises.

Witness my hand and seal this eighth day of December AD 1851

**SARAH SAUNDERS** {her mark}

Signed, sealed in the presence of

**CHARLES BURDETT CROSS**  
**HARRIS DARGETT**

State of North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

On this eighth day of December AD 1851, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared **SARAH SAUNDERS** and acknowledged the foregoing power of attorney to be her act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the and year aforesaid.

**C. B. CROSS, JP**

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State of North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

It is hereby certified that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited before me, **BRAWLEY OATES**, clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the county of Mecklenburg that **THOMAS JOINER** was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$ per annum and he died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1845, leaving surviving him the following named children, viz. **SARAH SAUNDERS** who, one of the only surviving children of the aforesaid **THOMAS JOINER**.

And I further certify that **CHARLES BURDETT CROSS** is an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county, and the foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my and and affixed my seal of office this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1852.

**B. OATES**, Clerk of  
Mecklenburg C. Courts

State of North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

Know all men by these presents, that I, **JAMES C. FLOW** of the county of Mecklenburg and state of North Carolina, the attorney named in the foregoing power of attorney by **SARAH SAUNDERS**, do hereby constitute and appoint **MAJ. JOHN Y. BRYANT** of the city of Washington, my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and place to examine all the papers in relation to the application of **SARAH SAUNDERS** in right of her father, **THOMAS JOINER**, and to do all things in relation to said claim that I might or could do were I personally present.

Hereby ratifying all that my said attorney lawfully do in the premises.

Witness my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1852.

**JAMES C. FLOW** {seal}

Test, **W. A. DAVIDSON**

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State of North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

On this 18th day of February in the year 1840, Personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity for said County, **THOMAS JOINER**, a resident of said County aged Seventy-four years and being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States a common Soldier in the Militia of North Carolina under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, to wit:

That he was drafted in Johnston County North Carolina about the age of 16 years in the year 1779 as near as now recollected and served the term of three months in a company of Militia commanded by Captain **PHILLIP THOMAS**, that he marched to Martinsburg on the Cape Fear River from thence to the mouth of Rocky River the Pee Dee, from thence to a camp near Hillsboro in Orange County, and from thence to Fayetteville remaining a short time at each place, and was discharged at the latter place. Major **DENNIS**, Colonel **LINCOLN** and General **LILLINGTON** were the principal officers in command during this tour of service.

About six months after his return from this first Tour of Military service he hired as a substitute for **JAMES KENEDAY** in a troop of Cavalry under the Command of Captain **JOHN TRENT** which Company was employed in scouting parties, almost constantly moving and traversing the country, acting against the Tories and was once stationed at Fayetteville for a few days. This term of service was for three months at the end of which time he was discharged.

After about twelve months, he was again drafted in the Militia in Johnston County, a foot Soldier in a company commanded a Captain [**EDMUND**] **GRIFFIN** in the Regiment of Colonel **NEEDHAM BRYAN** and marched to Wilmington, and remained there for three months in the year 1781 where he was taken ill with the Small Pox and was sent home about the time of the surrender of **EARL CORNWALLIS** at York Town in Virginia making the whole of his military service in the Revolutionary war, the period of nine months.

He has preserved no written discharges, nor any documentary evidence of his military service nor has he any record of his age but believes he was born in Johnston County in the year 1765 where he resided until the year 1814 when he removed to Cabarrus County and in 1817 removed to Mecklenburg County where he has resided ever since.

That he knows of no living witness by which he can prove his military service, but relies only certificate of **WILLIAM ALEXANDER** & **EVAN ALEXANDER** his present neighbors, who can testify to his reputation and veracity.

That there is no clergyman in reach of the Court who is well acquainted with him so that he cannot procure the certificate of one.

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That some years past he procured a declaration to be drawn up and leaving it in the custody of a clerk of Court to be certified and sealed, it was mislaid or lost, and this is the cause of delay in presenting the present one. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

**THOMAS JOINER** {his x mark}

We **EVAN ALEXANDER** and **WILLIAM ALEXANDER**, residing in Mecklenburg County, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with **THOMAS JOINER** who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration and that we believe him to be seventy four years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

**WILLIAM ALEXANDER**  
**E. ALEXANDER**

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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And the said court doth hereby declare its opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department that the before named applicant was a Revolutionary War Soldier and served as he states, and the court further certifies that it appears to it that **EVAN ALEXANDER & WILLIAM ALEXANDER** who have signed the preceding certificate are residents in Mecklenburg County, are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I **JENNINGS B. KERR**, clerk of the Superior Court of Law for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of **THOMAS JOINER** for a pension and that the Honorable **THOMAS SETTLE** is Judge of said Court for this term.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, Anno Domini 1840.

**JENNINGS B. KERR**

Clerk of the Superior Court of Law  
for Mecklenburg County



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Revolutionary

**THOMAS JOINER**  
Private Rev. Waring's  
Act: June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

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**THOMAS JOINER**  
North Carolina

Suspended

See Letter 6 May 1842

**SAMUEL SILLIMAN**

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July 22 1852  
Rel: Case of  
**THOMAS JOINER**

Hon. **J. E. HEATH**  
Comm. of Pensions

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**THOMAS JOINER** died 28 May 1845, leaving  
**SARAH SAUNDERS.**

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2 March 1844

**JAMES L. EDWARDS**, Esq.  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington

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Pension Officers  
Fayetteville, July 27 1844

**JAMES L. EDWARDS**, Esq.  
Commissioner of Pensions

Sir,

On the first of December last "received" the papers in the case of **THOMAS JOINER**'s pension under the Act of June 1832. At the rate of \$20 per annum c/n your approval. The [...] claimed was from the 4 September 1842 to the 4 September 1843.

Please advise me if the application was received or if any reply was made thereto. Nothing from your office has been received here in regard to the claim.

I am, Sir, very respectfully  
your obedient servant.

John Huske  
Agt.

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THOMAS JOINER  
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July 1852  
Ex'd  
J. Y. BRYANT

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Washington City  
July 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Sir,

Herewith I enclose to you a power of attorney from **SARAH SAUNDERS**, daughter of **THOMAS JOINER** a Revolutionary Pensioner on the North Carolina roll, to **JAMES C. FLOW** and one from said **FLOW**, to the undersigned, in order to an examination of the evidences of file in the case of said **JOINER** with the view to an increase of the pension heretofore allowed.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servants  
**JOHN Y. BRYANT**

Hon. **J. E. HEATH**  
Commissioner of Pensions

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**THOMAS JOINER**  
North Carolinas

Admitted

for six months

Private 6 mo. \$20  
Cap. **THOMAS** Col. N.C.

Act 7 June 1832

**SAMUEL SILLIMAN**  
Salisbury, NC

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Pension Office  
Fayetteville  
Dec. 1, 1843

J. L. Edwards, Esq.  
Commissioner of Pensions

Sir,

Please authorize the payment of **THOMAS JOINER**, Act of 1832 from 4 September 1842 to 4 September 1843 per vouchers enclosed.

I am, Sir, very respectfully  
your obedient servant.

John Huske  
Agt.

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Washington City  
July 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

Sir,

I beg leave to call your attention to the application and power of attorney filed by me for an increase of the pension heretofore allowed to **THOMAS JOINER**, No. 31,983 on the N. Carolina rolls at \$20 per annum.

It would appear, from the testimony on file in support of this claim, that **THOMAS JOINER** was drafted in 1799, in Capt. **THOMAS'** company and served three months.

At the expiration of six months, he again entered as a substitute for **JAMES KENNEDY** in the troop of Cavalry under Capt. **JOHN TRENT**, and was engaged in scouting against the "Tories" - was at the time stationed at Fayetteville and served in said Corps three months, where he was discharged.

At the expiration of one year thereafter, he was again drafted in the militia, in Johnston County, as a "foot soldier" in Capt. **GRIFFIN'**s company attached to the regiment commanded by Col. **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, by whom he was marched to Wilmington, N. Carolina, and remained three months in 1787, where he was taken with small pox and sent to his home about the time of the surrender of **CORNWALLIS** at York Town.

In the adjudication of this claim and the exhibition of the foregoing facts as to the several services performed by him, he has by some strange inadvertence, been allowed for only six months service at the rate of \$20 per annum.

I therefore request a review of the decision in this case, and that such additional allowance may be made, as the facts presented seem to justify, and which as I conceive unjustly and illegally withheld from him.

I am, very respectfully  
Your obedient servants

**JOHN Y. BRYANT**

Hon. **J. E. HEATH**  
Commissioner of Pensions

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5 September 1842  
Mr. Allison  
**THOMAS JOINER, NC**

James L. Edwards, Esq.  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington City  
DC



Salisbury N. C.  
August 27<sup>th</sup> 1842

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of May 6<sup>th</sup> 1842 was duly received in it's following words:

"This declaration of **THOMAS JOINER** has been examined and filed with suspended cases. He alleges three tours as a militia man of N. Carolina of three months each.

Before a final decision can be made, some more satisfactory evidence of his having been a revolutionary soldier should be exhibited. There are many persons now living in N. Carolina who served in this militia of that state, some of whom may have known the applicant.

If no positive proof can be procured, the most satisfactory traditionary evidence will be required."

The enclosed letter of **WILLIAM HENRY GREY**, clerk of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Johnston County, is negative of all positive evidence on the subject. The names of **BRITTAIN ROBERTS**, **AMOS ADKINSON**, **BENJAMIN EDWARDS**, **CHAPMAN HOYLES**, **JAMES HOLT** and **DICKSON PRICE** were sent to the clerk from whom to obtain information or depositions on the subject, all were pensioners, resident in Johnston County.

The enclosed documents intended to have been sent at a previous time but remaining unfinished, lacking the signature of the judge, is all the further traditionary evidence that can now be furnished, both the certifiers, **EVAN ALEXANDER** and **WILLIAM ALEXANDER** are since dead.

If this does not prove satisfactory I regret to say that this applicant, although in the most needy and indigent circumstances, oppressed with age and infirmity, must surrender all hope of obtaining relief and become a tenant of the alms house for the remainder of his life.

Respectfully your obedient servant.

**SAMUEL SILLIMAN**

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May 4, 1842  
**THOMAS JOINER**

**JAMES L. EDWARDS**, Esq.  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington City

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Charlotte, NC  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1842

**J. L. EDWARDS**

Dear Sir,

The enclosed pension claim has encountered many delays by the negligence of the officers of the court and the ignorance of the applicants friends & his age and infirmities and his extreme destitution or poverty has rendered his friends few and far between. I think this is the fourth declaration that I have drawn for him in the last two years & living at a distance from this place & being obliged to leave something to be finished by others always found its paper spotted in some manner so that it became useless & this is the first time I have been able to get one finished.

As attorney for the applicant I request you to inform me at Salisbury the result of your deliberation on the claim.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

**SAMUEL SILLIMAN**

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September 26, 1842  
NC

Immediate Attention  
**THOMAS JOINER's**

James L. Edwards, Esq.  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington City, DC

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Salisbury, NC  
September 20<sup>th</sup> 1842

J. L. EDWARDS, Esq.

Dear Sir.

The enclosed pension certificate to **THOMAS JOINER** came to hand this day and I enclose it respectfully asking a reconsideration of the matter as I think there is some mistake. His declaration states three terms of militia service of three months each, to me making his whole militia service nine months, upon which I believe the Act of Congress of 1832 authorizes a pension of \$30 per annum or eighty for military service of two years or more.

Respectfully your obedient servant,

**SAMUEL SILLIMAN**

Samuel Silliman, Esq.  
Salisbury, N. C.

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Smithfield, NC  
2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1842

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> May came duly to hand and am sorry to inform you that I can collect no information that will benefit Mr. **JOINER**.

The pensioners named in your letter are all dead except **JAMES HOLT**, whom I have seen and examined. He is a very old man and has lost his mind in a great measure not being able to recollect the given name of his Capt. He says he served at Wilmington under one Captain **AVERA** but has not knowledge of Mr. **JOINER**.

Last week I made a tour on Little River. I found several people who were acquainted with Mr. **JOINER**, but they knew, of their own knowledge, nothing of the service of Mr. **JOINER** in the war of the Revolution.

Respectfully yours,

**WILLIAM HENRY GREY**

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State of North Carolina  
Mecklenburg County

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1842, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County the same being a court of record **THOMAS JOINER** a resident of said county aged seventy six years and being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June AD 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States a common Soldier in the Militia of North Carolina under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, to wit:

That he was drafted in Johnston County North Carolina about the age of 16 years in the year 1779 as near as now recollected and served the term of three months in a company of Militia commanded by Captain **PHILLIP THOMAS**, that he marched to Martinsburg on the Cape Fear River from thence to the mouth of Rocky River the Pee Dee, from thence to a camp near Hillsboro in Orange County, and from thence to Fayetteville remaining a short time at each place, and was discharged at the latter place. Major **DENNIS**, Colonel **LINCOLN** and General **LILLINGTON** were the principal officers in command during this tour of service.

About six months after his return from this first Tour of Military service he hired as a substitute for **JAMES KENEDAY** in a troop of Cavalry under the Command of Captain **JOHN TRENT** which Company was employed in scouting parties, almost constantly moving and traversing the country, acting against the Tories and was once stationed at Fayetteville for a few days. This term of service was for three months at the end of which time he was discharged.

After about twelve months, he was again drafted in the Militia in Johnston County, a foot Soldier in a company commanded a Captain [**EDMUND**] **GRIFFIN** in the Regiment of Colonel **NEEDHAM BRYAN** and marched to Wilmington, and remained there for three months in the year 1781 where he was taken ill with the Small Pox and was sent home about the time of the surrender of **EARL CORNWALLIS** at York Town in Virginia making the whole of his military service in the Revolutionary war, the period of nine months.

He has preserved no written discharges, nor any documentary evidence of his military service nor has he any record of his age but believes he was born in Johnston County in the year 1765 where he resided until the year 1814 when he removed to Cabarrus County and in 1817 removed to Mecklenburg County where he has resided ever since.

That he knows of no living witness by which he could prove his military service but relies on the certificate of **DAVID KERR** & **JOHN FLOW**, his present neighbors who can testify as to his reputation and veracity.

That there is no clergyman in reach of the court who is well acquainted with him, so that he can not procure the certificate of one.

That sometime in the year 1836 he procured a declaration to be drawn up, signed and certified by proper witnesses and leaving it with the clerk of court to be certified was a mistake & lost that in February 1840, he caused another declaration to be drawn up, executed and certified but lacking the signature of the Judge in



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Court it was mislaid until December 1841 and can not now be certified owing to the death of the persons who certified the same and the the absence of the Judge and this is the cause of the delay presenting the present declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state to his knowledge.

**THOMAS JOINER** {his x mark}

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

**C. T. ALEXANDER, CCC**

We, **DAVID KERR** and **JOHN FLOW**, residing in Mecklenburg County, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with **THOMAS JOINER** who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, and that we believe him to be seventy six years of age. That he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood he resides in to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

**D. KARR**  
**JOHN FLOW**

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

**C. T. ALEXANDER, CCC**

And the said court doth hereby declare its opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the War Department that the before mentioned applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies that it appears to it that **DAVID KERR** and **JOHN FLOW** who have signed the preceding certificate are resident to in Mecklenburg County and credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

**THOMAS J. GRIER, CCC**

**C. T. ALEXANDER**, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of **THOMAS JOINER** for a pensions and that **THOMAS J. GRIER** is chairman of the court for this term.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, Anno Domini 1842.

**C. T. ALEXANDER**

Clerk of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Mecklenburg County.

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