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Massachusetts
Service

THISSELL
or THOMAS
THISSEL

(New Hampshire residence from 1818)

June 11, 1818 Thomas Thissell of Pelham, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, fifty-eight years of age, deposed:

that he enlisted at Dracut, Mass., for three years in May 1777, and served under Capt. James Varnum, Col. Michael Jackson, until May 8, 1780 when he received a discharge, and

that he was at the capture of Gen. Burgoyne.

(The discharge certificate of Thomas Thissell in the Eighth Massachusetts regiment showing three years service, dated at West Point, May 8, 1780 and signed "Mich'l Jackson Colo." is on file in the Department. BMD.)

Enoch Howard of Pelham, N.H., testified to Thomas Thissell's need of a pension.

Enoch Howard.

July 11, 1820 Thomas Thissell, sixty years of age, testified that he owns thirty-five acres of land, valued

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at \$300.00 but that he owes that amount;

that he has, in his family, a wife, fifty-two years of age, and sons:

Thomas, twenty-one "almost a cripple";
Ephraim, seventeen;
Philip, ten; and
daughter Mary, four years of age.

Name dropped from the roll on account of property but restored August 16, 1824 after repeated trials on his part, and after communications urging his restoration had been received from James Hobbs, David Cutter and Eliphalet Button, Selectmen in 1822 of Pelham.

John Barker, Josiah Coburn Jr., David Cutter and Luther Coburn all of Pelham, William Clough Jr., of Dracutt, (to whom Thomas Thissell had mortgaged his land and who was obliged to take it as Thissell could not pay the mortgage) and James H. Duncan of Haverhill, Mass.

He testified that his father James Duncan Esq. had sold the land to Thissell in 1810; but being made Executor of his father's estate and knowing that the land in question had been formerly part of the estate of his grandfather, Samuel White Esq. (who died about 1804 making James

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Duncan Esq. his Executor) he felt the matter should be cleared up and so notified Thomas Thissell.

April 24, 1829 Thomas Thissell of Pelham applied for a transfer of his pension to Boston, stating that the distance between Pelham and Boston is only thirty miles, and communication much more frequent than between Pelham and Portsmouth which is also about fifty miles away and communication inconvenient.

Request granted.

In 1840 Thomas Thissell, eighty years of age, was still living at Pelham, N.H., with Thomas Thissell Jr.

(Only Revolutionary Pensioner named Thomas Thissell from any state. BMD.)

Lived at the end of Tyler, Wharf, Dutton Road near Dracut line and LeBlanc Road. House still stands 2010.