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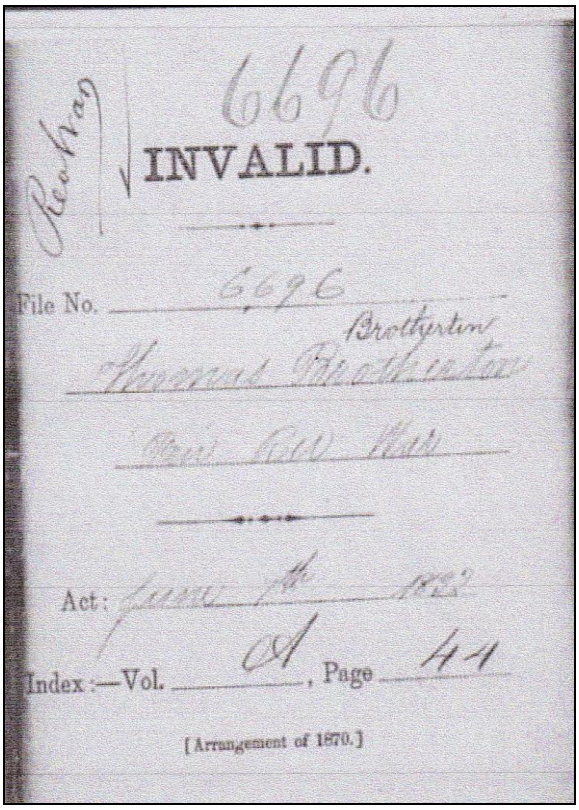
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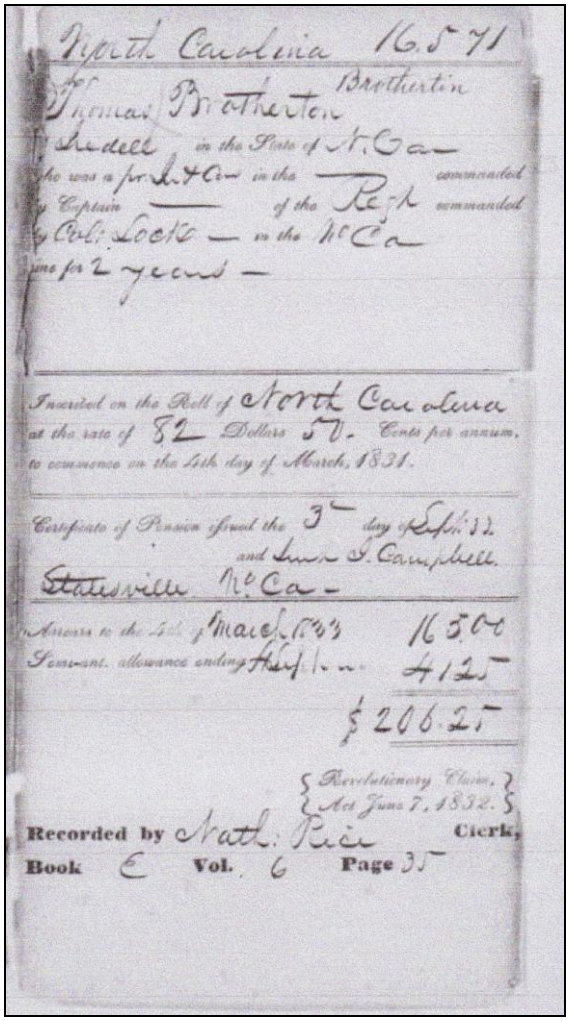
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Thomas Brotherton Brotherton
Iredell in the State of N. Ca
he was a pr. Lt Ca in the — commanded
by Captain — of the Regt commanded
by Col. Locke — in the N. Ca
one for 2 years —

Inscribed on the Roll of North Carolina
at the rate of 82 Dollars 50 Cents per annum,
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 3 day of Sept. 32
and Lucius J. Campbell.
Statesville N. Ca

Arrears to the 4th of March 1833 165.00
Semi-ann. allowance ending 4th Sept. 1833 41.25
$206.25

{Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.}

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The relationship between Thomas Brotherton and William Brotherton is uncertain. They were certainly related, and possibly brothers. Thomas Brotherton was in Greene County by February 1794 when he served on a Jury. On January 23, 1799 Thomas sold 100 acres of land to John Mayer, which may be the year he left Greene County and returned to North Carolina, where both Thomas and William Brotherton were originally from. When William Brotherton applied for a Revolutionary War Pension in Greene County, Tennessee, Thomas provided an affidavit for him. William also named a son, Thomas.

Thomas Brotherton was living in Wilkes County, North Carolina in 1830. In 1840, Thomas, then age 89, lived with his son, Willlis B. Brotherton in Iredell County, North Carolina.

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Pension application of Thomas Brothertin (Brotherton) S6696 fn39NC

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—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, theresulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina Iredell County: On this 6th day of November 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Court of law and equity for the state aforesaid personally appeared Thomas Brotherton of the County aforesaid aged sixty years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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. That he enlisted in the month of April 1778 [in] the County of Rowan and State aforesaid in the [company] commanded by Captain Richard Graham of the new Levy and continued to serve in the Service of the United States and on the Continental Establishment until in the month of September in the year 1779 when he was honorably discharged by Captain Ramsey at Bacons Bridge in the State of South Carolina. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That he fought in the Battle of Stonoe [sic, Stono Ferry] in South Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ Henry Powell, Clk S/ Thomas Brothertin

State of North Carolina Iredell County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Sessions 1832

On this __day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Thomas Brotherton resident in Wilkes County State of North Carolina aged seventy-six years who being first sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served in the revolutionary war under the officers as is herein stated. That he entered as a volunteer for three months under Captain Nichols Major McGuire, Colonel Locke and General Rutherford, joined the Court at Salisbury

marched to Fayetteville NC which town he assisted in guarding for some time, returned home and was discharged believes this tour was performed in the spring of the year 1775 in the fall of the same year he was a volunteer under the same officers for a tour of three months against the Cherokee Indians. That afterwards he entered and served as a volunteer under the same Captain who then commanded a company of Horse. This tour was performed in guarding the frontiers at the head of the Catawba [River] in the County of Burke. That in the year 1778, he again entered the service as a volunteer under the command of Captain Richard Graham and Colonel William Davidson joined the Corps at Salisbury and marched from thence to Guilford Court house, thence to Dicks Ferry, thence to Moon's Creek, thence to Salisbury and thence home in a few days marched to South Carolina where they were placed under the command of Captain Ramsay Majors Dickson and Armstrong and Colonel Thaxton of the Continental establishment, this was done at Purrysburg on the Savannah River, Sometime after he was transferred from the command of Captain Ramsay to Captain Lewis of the light infantry under whom he marched to Charleston and was in an engagement with the British at that place from thence he was marched to Stono and was in the battle at Stono Ferry and was wounded slightly in the breast. Afterwards, and about the 5th September 1779, he was discharged at Bacons Bridge having been at this time 16 months in service. He has lost this discharge the only one he remembers to have received. He afterwards entered as a volunteer under Captain Nichols in a Company of horse and served a 2 months tour in scouting and searching for Tories in Wilkes & Iredell Counties. And was near the place at the time Cornwallis crossed the Catawba. He honestly and conscientiously believes that he has served in these different tours more than 2 years. He has no documentary evidence nor can he obtain any other evidence of his services than is hereto annexed. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1757. He has no record of his age. He was living in Rowan County NC now Iredell when called into service and has sometimes lived in the State of Tennessee since the war and now resides in Wilkes County North Carolina. He was called into service in the manner stated above and served under the officers therein named. He received a discharge at Bacons Bridge but none other & has lost the one he had.

He refers to William Feemster,
Joseph Sharpe[2] and William Woodside[3].

S/ sworn & subscribed day and year aforesaid
S/ A. Simonton, Clk S/ Thomas Brothertin
State of North Carolina Iredell County
This day came Thomas Brotherton before me the subscribing Justice of the peace and being first duly sworn doth upon his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below

His 1st tour he was a volunteer under Captain Nicholas, Major McGuire, Colonel Locke and general Rutherford and was as he now believes performed in the spring of 1776 marching from

1 sic, **William Feimster W1745**

2 **Joseph Sharpe S7482**

3 **William Woodside S7960**

Salisbury to Fayetteville guarding that place returning home on foot
– 3 months
His 2nd tour on foot under the same officers marching from Salisbury to the Cherokee nation, was in an engagement with the Indians in the nation & returned home. Volunteer. 3
His third tour was performed in the cavalry under the same Captain (no Colonel accompanied them) marched from Salisbury to the head of the Catawba in Burke County: this was also 3
His fourth tour he was a volunteer under Captain Richard Graham and Colonel William Davidson, Joined the Corps at Salisbury and marched and was transferred to the Regulars as specified in his original application 16
His fifth tour of 2 months as stated in his declaration in the fall of 1777 2
2. 4.00
for which services I claim a pension
He was born in Cunogocheage [sic, Conococheague?] County Pennsylvania in the year 1757.
He has no record of his age.
He was living in Rowan County at the time he entered the service and lived there until the end of the war, has since lived in Tennessee for 19 years. Sometime he lived in Iredell and was living there when he 1st applied but now lives in Wilkes County NC. He applied in Iredell because he made his 1st application while living in that County.
He was always a volunteer.
He has stated the names of his officers as well as he can remember them.
He received a discharge at Bacons Bridge, but lost it in crossing the Holston [River] when swimming & had no other.
Refers to William Feemster, Joseph Sharpe & William Woodside.
S/ Thomas Brothertin
[fn pp. 8-11: very faint digital copy of an application which appears to be dated November 20, 1821 and filed in Iredell County under which the applicant filed for a pension under the 1818 and 1820 acts; at the end of his application he stated as follows:
"The deponent Thomas Brotherton states upon oath that he is occupation is farming that by reason of his age & infirmities he is not able to perform much bodily labor, that his wife is 54 years old & as capable as usual for that age 4 ordinary business his daughter Anna is 26 years of Age afflicted for several years with the Kings Evil unable to labor for support, his son Leve about 21 years old, by whose labor the family are & have been mostly supported for some years.

His occupation is farming, a daughter Susanna aged 16 & Esther 12 years old & son Isaac 17 years old. The 3 last are accustomed to ordinary family business & are healthy."]

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North Carolina Iredell County: William Woodside came into Open Court & made oath in due form of law that he knows of his own knowledge that Thomas Brotherton served as a Regular Soldier in the revolutionary Army of the United States for the term of eighteen months as set forth in the foregoing declaration & that he was honorably discharged.

Sworn & subscribed this 20th of November 1821

S/ Wm Woodside

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 2nd February 1824

Sir

The Declaration of Thomas Brotherton transmitted to me on the 27th Ultimo, is received, and I have carefully searched the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, for his name, but do not find it thereon. It appears from said Rolls that there were no 18 months men enlisted at the time mentioned in said Declaration. And he does not appear that a Colonel by the name of Paxton or a Captain by the name of Richard Graham belonged to the line of this State. I am therefore of opinion that Thomas Brotherton must have been a militia man, or of the South Carolina line.

I am very respectfully your obedient servant

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears by a book of settlements of accounts of the officers and soldiers of the line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Brotherton was allowed the sum of forty pounds, six shillings and six pence for services performed in said line as a private Soldier.

Given under my hand this 28th of August 1833

S/ Wm Hill

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William Woodside, Joseph Sharpe and William Feemster, resident in the County of Iredell and State of North Carolina do certify that they are acquainted with Thomas Brotherton, who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to be seventy-six years of age, that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

William Woodside further states that he served with Thomas Brotherton the 16 months tour as by him set forth and was with him at the battle of Stono.

William Feemster states further that himself was near the battle of Stono and from circumstances related to him by Thomas Brotherton respecting that engagement does verily believe that Brotherton was in that Battle.

Joseph Sharpe states that he was with and saw Thomas Brotherton in the expedition to the Cherokee nation.

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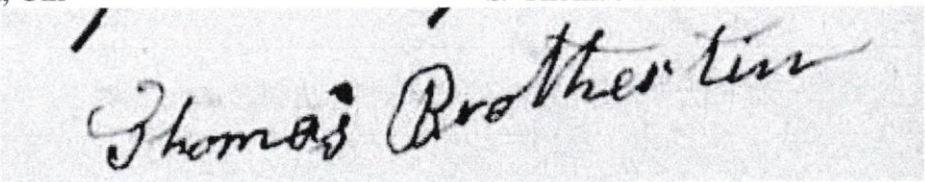

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Thomas Brotherton was pensioned at the rate of $82.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years of service as a private in the North Carolina militia.