

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Thompson NC45<sup>1</sup>

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County } Court of Common Pleas & quarter sessions,  
August Term, 1824.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1824 Personally appeared before me in open Court it being a Court of record for the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid, Alexander Thompson, aged Sixty Eight years & a resident in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid, who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he said Alexander Thompson enlisted for the term of three Years on the \_\_\_ day of April in the year 1778 in the State of South Carolina the Company commanded by Captain John Moore [sic, John Moon] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Neel [Thomas Neel]<sup>2</sup> in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in the year 1780 when he was discharged from the said Service between Savannah and Augusta (County not known) in the State of Georgia, that he was in the Battle of Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779]<sup>3</sup> and Savannah [presumably the Siege of Savannah]<sup>4</sup> and in a skirmish at Bottom Bridge [?]<sup>5</sup> near the time and near the Stono [River], and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except the affidavits of Barney West & \_\_\_ Whit and [in] pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, 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

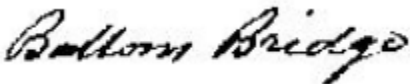
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<sup>1</sup> This is not an official file designation. It is a file designation created solely for indexing purposes for this website. This application was filed in the North Carolina State Archives as part of the Mecklenburg County court records. This transcript was made from a copy of the *Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions Volume III: 1821 – 1830* transcribed by Herman W Ferguson with corrections and supplemental notations by me. The application for reasons unknown to me was never filed with the War Department in Washington DC and consequently does not appear among the federal pension records posted online.

<sup>2</sup> Colonel Thomas Neel was killed at the battle of Stono Ferry. Contrary to the veteran's assertion that he was on the Continental establishment, the Regiment commanded by Colonel Neel was the New Acquisition District Regiment of South Carolina militia.

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

<sup>4</sup> Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

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[Baltons Bridge, Ballons Bridge??] This transcriber is unaware of any action in SC or GA at a place called Bottom Bridge or any of the variations suggested above. There was an action at such a place in Virginia on Chickahominy River, but it is very unlikely this veteran is referring to that engagement.

thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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> day 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

Viz.:

one horse of the value of	\$35.50
Six head of cattle of the value of	\$30
two Beds value	\$6
one table, one [undeciphered word] <sup>6</sup> & furniture of the value of	\$5.50
two chests & to flex wheels of the Value of	\$2.50
one pot one Kettle & three ovens of the Value of	\$2.50
four water vessels of the value of	\$0.50
farming tools of the Value of	\$5.00
one pair of Cart wheels of the value of	\$4.00
one churn & two meal sieves	\$0.75
two chairs, and one Big Wheel	\$1.50
Fifty acres of land of the value of	<u>\$70</u>
making in the whole	\$160.75

He further states that he is a farmer by occupation, that he is unable to do any kind of labour, that his family consists of himself, and aged wife by name of Rebecca, and one daughter of about twelve years of age.

Sworn to and declared on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August before the Justices of the Court of record aforesaid in open court

[Signed] Alexander Thompson

