

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Drewry Thompson R10528

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[p 7: Ancestry.com version is more legible than the Fold3.com version]

State of Louisiana, Claiborne Parish } SS

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Parish Court of Claiborne Parish now sitting Drewry Thompson a resident of Claiborne Parish and State of Louisiana aforesaid aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated Viz.: He entered the service of the United States a private in the state troops of the North Carolina line on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1778 in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina aforesaid. He entered by joining himself to a Regiment (the number of which he does not recollect) commanded by Colonel Adam Alexander. He does not recollect his Major's name. His Captain's name was John Foster. And his Lieutenant's name was Robert Davis. In pursuance of a notice published this declarant with many others, met at the old Col. Adam Alexander's house and received the administration of the state Oath so called – which was of the following purport as nearly as this declarant recollects -- “To defend the cause of the United States with their lives & fortunes.” And he being first of all particularly addressed called upon by the said Colonel Alexander to receive the administration of the said oath publicly advanced his resolution to do so and addressed his neighbors & County men in as energetic, expressive & laconic a manner as he knew how urging them to follow his example and went forward & was the first to receive take the afd [aforesaid] oath – He was then with the rest of his Regiment stationed in the different parts of said Mecklenburg County and of Lincoln & other Counties adjacent thereto at different times of his service – marching from one point to another against the common enemy – whether they were British, Tories or Indians – had several small skirmishes with the Tories in the said Mecklenburg and other Counties aforesaid – but at no particular place of notoriety, that his memory now decayed with infirmities as well as by his old age [indecipherable word, looks like “null”] serve him particularly to designate all of the said skirmishes being very light on the part of the said Regiment for the Tories whenever attacked in one part would not give set battle but would flee precipitously to another, marauding & committing depredations by stealth, by surprise & stratagem. But he recollects an expedition he went on with his old Regiment to Anson County (N. C.) against the Tories who were skulking about in scouting parties through the Country never gave battle during the expedition – this was in 1780 – this tour was a five months tour after which the said Regiment returned to Mecklenburg County aforesaid and went into Garrison. A brother of this declarant – Captain Shem Thompson [? Isham?]<sup>1</sup> being seized by two

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<sup>1</sup> The only captain from Mecklenburg County, NC, with the surname of Thompson to whom I could find reference was James Thompson.

Tories who tried to kill him, escaping from them and coming in and giving information thereof was the cause that gave rise to the last aforesaid short expedition. There was furthermore an expedition against the Cherokee Indians by this Regiment from which this declarant was excused by furlough on account of indisposition in his family – but always willing to do rather more, then less, than his duty he notwithstanding hired a substitute to go in his place. This expedition was carried into South Carolina as this declarant believes & lasted till nearly the end of his furlough – that is from one to two months – when he returned to the camp & performed duty in the line. He recollects of having no particular incidents or occurrences recounted pertaining to the last aforesaid campaign, that might tend to throw light upon the manner of his service – But with the exception of the foregoing his service was entirely personal he believes three years and three or four months. That he served from the aforesaid year of 1778 in the manner & form aforesaid, namely, either in garrison or in the field (with the exception of the 10 weeks expedition against the Cherokees as aforesaid) till the carrying of the siege of York in Virginia which he believes was some time in October 1781. That he served with the said officers and the aforesaid Regiment at the least three years three or four months in the field or the garrison as aforesaid. And he & his said Regiment were never at any time connected (as his decayed memory serves him) with any other corps of the United States Army. Hence he has no recollection of the names of any of the regular officers or parties that he was acquainted with – nor of the militia or continentals other than of that of his own aforesaid Regiment (if indeed he ever formed an acquaintance with any – But he feels assured that whether his aforesaid Regiment were of the State troops or militia, they were called into the service of the United States by the authority of the State of North Carolina. That he was discharged from the aforesaid service at Mecklenburg Court House (North Carolina) – he had no written discharge only a verbal one with the rest of his Regiment – some of them might have applied afterwards to their officers to have their aforesaid discharges written but he never did himself – not expecting ever to get one cent for his services. He with the rest was discharged in manner aforesaid by the said Colonel A. Alexander – He lost valuable property by the Tories – That he was born in Bute County North Carolina in 1748 five miles from the C. H. [Courthouse] of said County. He has no record of his age. He was living in Mecklenburg County (N. C.) aforesaid when he entered the service of the United States as aforesaid. He has lived since the revolutionary war in the States of North and South Carolina and the State of Georgia – has resided in the State of Mississippi while following his (the carpenter's) trade; and now lives in Claiborne Parish, State of Louisiana. That he volunteered into thus said service and doth re-aver that the nature of his service was such that he had no opportunity of becoming acquainted with any regular officers or regiments of militia & continentals besides the Regiment with which he served if that could be called such. For his Regiment was generally employed in the aforesaid counties of North Carolina (Butte excepted) to defend the inhabitants thereof against the numerous hordes of Tories and the marauding savages that might make occasional predatory incursions therein – as well as against the British might need be – and that for the aforesaid term of three years three or four months he was not employed in any civil pursuit, but with the aforesaid Regiment regularly embodied for the whole of the aforesaid term of three years &c – That he volunteered into said service – And that Mr. William Dyer & Mr. I. McMahan his neighbors can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – And that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose evidence or testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. And that there is no Clergyman in his vicinity or any whose attendance can be had to give the required evidence.

S/ Drewry Thomspou

*WILLIAM DYER AND ISAAC McMAHAN*  
*Dorsey Thompson*

[William Dyer and Isaac McMahan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in the file: Martha Butler, claiming to be the daughter of the veteran, filed a power of attorney seeking to gain whatever bounty land she might be entitled to as an heir of the veteran. The document is dated March, 1853 and was filed in Claiborne Parish. She signed the document with her mark.]