

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Thompson R10529 Elizabeth f17VA
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State of Virginia Pendleton County: SS

On this 8th day of May 1839 personally appeared before me Jesse Henkle a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Thompson a resident of Pendleton County and State of Virginia aged ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of David Thompson who was drafted for a short tour of duty and served fully two weeks in this tour he was drafted and marched from the County of Orange in the State of Virginia to Winchester in said State and marched as a guard to a number of prisoners to the Albemarle barracks in Virginia. She is not able to state the year is first tour of duty was performed but she believes it was performed in the same year; but previously to Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780]; that after the first tour of duty he was again drafted and stood guard over the prisoners at Albemarle barracks and this second tour was for the period of two weeks, that whilst guarding the prisoners at the barracks he was under the command of Captain Francis Taylor, she has no recollection of any other officers, that her husband David Thompson was again drafted and marched from the County of Orange into the Carolinas in this third tour of duty he left home to the best of [her] belief and recollection in the month of October in the same year that General Gates was defeated, and returned home again in the month of March in the following year, She does well know that he served in this tour of duty fully six months and more; She is not able to say whether her husband served as a noncommissioned officer or a common Soldier in the above named tour [of] duty but must refer to the evidence proving the service of her husband; neither can she name the Captain or other Company officers with whom he served in consequence of old age and loss of memory, but she well recollects that she has often heard her husband speak of being under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Colonel Washington [William Washington], whilst retreating through the States of North and South Carolina, and the enemy was in close pursuit of them. She further declares that her husband was again drafted for an eighteen or twenty days term of duty and marched from Orange County to the City or neighborhood of Richmond in this tour he left home in the month of May to the best of her recollection in the year 1781. She is not able to name any of the officers under whom he served with the exception of those named above. She further declares that she was married to the said David Thompson fully 70 years ago or upwards. She cannot name the year; that her husband the aforesaid David Thompson died in the month of December in the year 1789 and that she has remained the widow of the said David Thompson ever since that period.

Given under her hand the day and year first above mentioned.

S/ Elizabeth Thompson, X her mark

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The deposition of Frances Raynes Testifies That she is seventy-three years of age, and is the daughter of David Thompson and Elizabeth Thompson, who is the applicant for a pension from the United States. That she well remembers that her father was drafted and marched from the County of Orange in the State of Virginia to Winchester, and guarded the prisoners to the barracks in Albemarle County; she cannot state how long he served in this tour, but she knows it was fully two weeks or longer; neither can she name the year all under what officers he performed this tour of duty; she is certain the prisoners which her father guarded was taken under General foregoing, she further testifies that David Thompson her Father was again drafted in the County of Orange and served another short tour of duty a guarding of the same prisoners at the Albemarle Barracks, this tour was two weeks or more; in both of the above named tours she believed he served as a soldier, and whilst guarding the prisoners at Albemarle was commanded by Captain Taylor, she has no recollection of any other officer; She further states that her Father David Thompson was again drafted and marched from Orange County and State of Virginia in this tour she has often heard him say that he marched to Hillsboro North Carolina and from Hillsboro to the River Santee in the State of South Carolina, he left home in the month of October 1780 and returned home again in the spring of 1781. She is certain in this tour of duty it was fully seven months from the time he marched from home in the fall to his return home in the spring, She has frequently heard her father say that whilst in the service in this tour of duty that the Army to whom he belonged was in retreat from the enemy in the Carolinas and the American Army save themselves by crossing some River in the night; and during the whole of this tour of duty he acted as quarter master Sergeant to his Regiment, She has often heard him speak of having served rations and far age to the troops and Army; to the best of her recollection and belief that in this tour of duty her Father served under a Captain Waw [Waugh?], She further declares that her Father was again drafted very shortly after his return from the Carolinas and served a short tour of duty and marched from Orange County to Richmond Virginia. She states that he served in this last tour one month or more. She further states that she has a perfect recollection that David Thompson her Father served each and every tour of duty set forth in her deposition in the War [she being] then 14 or 15 years of age and lived at home with her mother; and she further testifies that David Thompson her Father has been dead fully fifty years and that Elizabeth Thompson her Mother has remained his widow ever since that time. Given under my hand this fifth day of June 1839

S/ Frances Raynes, X her mark

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State of Virginia Greene County: SS

Be it known that on this 8th day of June 1840 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Zachariah Taylor¹ aged eighty years and made oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with David Thompson and he does well recollect that said David Thompson was drafted for a two month tour of duty in the summer of 1781 and served in the Militia, and marched from the County of Orange in the State of Virginia (he believes under the command of Captain Waugh) in the above named tour of duty the troops marched below Richmond to the neighborhood of James Town. Deponent was drafted and served in the same tour of duty and served under the command of Captain Robert Webb and they served nearly three months from the time of leaving home until their return, deponent

¹ [Zachariah Taylor W6237](#)

believes that David Thompson served as a soldier in the tour of duty above named; deponent further states that he has heard the said David Thompson relate that he had served a tour of duty to the South and was in the battle of General Gates defeat, and from his acquaintance with said David Thompson he does believe his statement to have been true and entitled to full confidence, and he further states that at the time the said David Thompson was in the service as aforesaid he was then married and had children nearly grown;

S/ Zachariah Taylor, X his mark

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DATE of Virginia Greene County: SS

Be it known that on this 29th day of May 1840 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Richard White² aged eighty-four years and made oath in due form of law, That he was well acquainted with David Thompson, that he does well recollect that said David Thompson was drafted for a tour of two months duty, and marched from the County of Orange in the State of Virginia in the month of December in the year of 1777 under the command of Captain Benjamin Johnson to meet the prisoners taken under General Burgoyne, and guarded the said prisoners from the County of Fauquier in Virginia to the Barracks in the County of Albemarle, deponent does not now recollect whether or not the said Thompson continued to guard the said prisoners at the said barracks; and deponent further testifies that he the deponent acted as Ensign to the Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Johnson at the time the said Company guarded the prisoners as aforesaid he further saith not.

S/ Rich'd White

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich'd White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "no." written above the first few letters.

² [Richard White S6371](#)