

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Thompson R10530

Elizabeth Thompson

f16NC

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State of Alabama, Morgan County: County Court January Term 1824

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1824 Nicholas Thompson appeared personally in open court being a court of Record for the County aforesaid having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common law the said Nicholas Thompson being a resident of the County aforesaid and aged about sixty-three years last August and being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, the first of May 1820 and the first of March 1823. That he the said Nicholas Thompson some time in the fall of the year 1780 entered for the term of 12 months in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Robert Rafor [Robert Raiford] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_\_ in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he served a short time in the company aforesaid and was transferred to a company commanded by Lieutenant Pastors [sic, possibly Lieutenant John Pasteur] the Regiment commanded by Colonel Laurence [perhaps John Laurens of the SC Continental line] who fell in a skirmish with the British Row Gallies [sic, Galleys] on Stono River [sic, Combahee River, August 25, 1782],<sup>1</sup> and continued to serve in said Regiment until near the expiration of his time of enlistment when he was returned to the Regiment he enlisted in and in which he served out the balance of his time of 12 months and was then discharged by Captain Coleman [Benjamin Andrew Coleman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Regiment] who commanded the Company he belonged to. That he was in the battle fought by Colonel Laurence and Major Blount [Reading Blount], and in several skirmishes of less magnitude. And in pursuance of the act of the first 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 other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent 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 Schedule as follows to wit

One horse worth	\$40	
Three Cattle	15	
Between 20 & 30 hogs	50	S/ Nicholas Thompson, X his mark

And the said Nicholas Thompson further states that he is indebted for [indecipherable word] to

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_combahee\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_combahee_ferry.html)

support his family about \$80. That he is by occupation a farmer. That the names and ages of his family residing with him are my wife Betsy, aged about 53 years and my daughter aged about 13 years. That his wife has been infirm and weakly for about 18 or 18 [sic] months that he has no means of support only by his labor except the property contained in the foregoing schedule and that the increasing infirmities of age render him illy able to sustain a life of toil.

S/ Nicholas Thompson, X his mark

[p 10: On June 21, 1843, Elizabeth Thompson, aged 72, filed a petition in Morgan County Alabama for a widow's pension stating that her husband Nicholas Thompson was a pensioner of the United States; that she married him on January 22, 1792; and that her husband died on September 13, 1840. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 4: On November 27, 1854 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Sarah Bledsoe gave testimony that Nicholas Thompson married the affiant's sister Elizabeth in Wake County North Carolina about sixty-three years ago; that they were married by one Harris Stephens Esquire at the house of the affiant's father Jessee Hayes. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 12, 1824, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]