

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thompson R10541

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State of North Carolina, Wake County

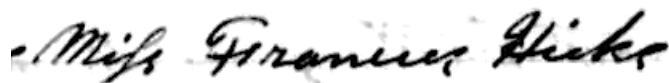
On this 11 day of October 1855 Mr. John G. Thompson aged fifty-four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to receive the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 in order to receive the amount of pension due up to his Deceased father's death whose name was John Thompson who rendered Several years services in the Revolutionary War for the State of North Carolina from Wake County in which County he lived – both in the Militia and State or Continental line but for a short time he served in the Latter and to the best of his knowledge and belief and information from his said father he first entered the Said Service in the Militia in the Early part of the war in 1776 from Wake County for six months and served said tour under one Captain Allen. He again Enlisted for 12 months under Captain Cate's Company fourth Regiment and before the time was quite out he was promoted to a Captaincy in the militia and continued to serve from that time until the Close of the war and at which time he was living in Wake County North Carolina and in which County he died on the eighth day of June 1839 leaving at his death five children all of whom are now living their names are to wit – Sarah Thompson, Solomon Thompson, William Thompson, Susan Hendon and John G. Thompson this declarant he declares that he has often heard his father state that he was in the Battles and Engagements of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] at Camden in South Carolina in the Guilford battle [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina and served to the Close of the war as a Captain and served as a Captain during the greater part of the war except the first named period he declares that his said father married his mother before the date of 1794 whose maiden name was Miss Frances Hicks [?]¹ and they were married in Lunenburg County Virginia for the date of 1794 and said mother died about the date of 1817 in the County of Wake and State of North Carolina and his said father died the eighth of June 1839.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and date above written.

S/ Wm P. Hayes, JP

S/ John G. Thompson





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I, John Shepard, of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with John Thompson during five years of the revolutionary war. I was then driving my Father's wagon as a baggage wagon. We frequently messed together, and slept with each other when we had the chance as I had to drive a baggage wagon we were often together. I am now 95 years old, and I do know that the said John Thompson was promoted to the rank of Captain and commanded a light-Dragoon company, he was commanded by Col. Washington [William Washington] at the Battle of the Cowpens and various other battles. After the battle of Guilford in North Carolina Thompson was ordered to Quill the Tories which he done. This was at the close of the war & he did serve more than two years as Captain.

Sworn and subscribed to before me.

S/ Wm P. Hayes, JP

S/ John Shepard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Shepard". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of North Carolina, Wake County

On this ninth day [of February, 1855] personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid John Shepherd aged 95 years a Credible witness who first being duly sworn according to law deposes as follows to wit that he made in affidavit some short time since in reference to the revolutionary Services of Captain John Thompson deceased and in which Case I am in no way Interested and the Commissioner of pensions intimated I was not myself a Soldier and in reply witness states that he was not a soldier but was drafted at nearly the Close of the war but was not called on to serve he now states that is no reason why he cannot speak of facts which come under his own observation and knowledge he further states at numerous times he saw the said Captain John Thompson in actual service in Wake County North Carolina as Captain of Militia Company in said war having had frequent opportunity of being with him and with those under his Command as Captain while in said war and did serve in numerous tours and did serve for more than three years from said County of Wake North Carolina in which County we have lived near neighbors together in which County he died and that there was no man living in that day with whom I was better acquainted with than to said Captain John Thompson Being a devoted friend of mine and up to the time I was drafted I drove a wagon through the State[s] of North Carolina and South Carolina but was never under any competent authority but was hired to drive & was near the battle field [at] Eutaw Springs at the time the battle was fought and after the Armies was gone I visited the Battle ground and I found Everything just as Thompson had told me or stated the field was literally covered with dead – Horses in which John Thompson was engaged as Captain I conversed with him before the Battle and after it was over and he spoke of Circumstances which I found to be as he had stated witness further states that he never knew any other man in the revolutionary war by the name of John Thompson as Captain but the father of the affiant John G. Thompson with whom I am well acquainted with and his family and his Brothers and Sisters.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and date above written.

S/ Wm P. Hayes, JP

S/ John Shepherd, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Wake County April 22, 1856

I Isham Hendon aged 54 years a Resident of Wake County a Credible witness who first being duly sworn according to law depose as follows to wit that he was intimately and personally acquainted with John Thompson of Wake County North Carolina who rendered several years Services as Captain of Militia in the revolution of this Country that he often heard him relate the Circumstances of the many battles he was engaged in during the war & his hardships he endured and difficulty he had to Encounter He was in Gates defeat at Camden SC 1780 at Eutaw Springs 1781 and various other Battles besides the various Encounters he had with the Tories in South Carolina He cannot say positively these things was so but he believes that the old man told the truth as the old man was believed where ever he was known to have been a man of truth and I do believe what I have heard the old man state to be the truth as much as I could believe anything I did not see.

Sworn to and subscribed.

S/ Isham Hendon

S/ H. E. Lyon, JP

[p 25, NC Comptroller's certificate of payments made to John Thompson as Captain in the Hillsboro District.]

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Wake County, North Carolina April 21, 1856

Col. Baxter D. Smith aged 58 years who first being duly sworn according to law declares that he was intimately acquainted with John Thompson deceased who died about the year of 1839 who lived in our neighborhood I do certify that I have often and repeatedly heard him speak of the difficulties and trials and hardships he underwent and had to endure during his Services in the revolutionary war rendered by him as Captain of Militia from Wake County North Carolina I do not know these things, but, believe what I have heard him say on the Subject of his Services in the Revolution as any circumstance that I never saw for he was a man of truth and candor. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st April 1856.

S/ Wm P. Hayes, JP

S/ Baxter D. Smith

[Richard Lumley, 59, Gilbert Evens [Evins], 68, and Enoch Evans, 65, of Wake County, gave affidavits similar to Baxter Smith's affidavit.]

[pp 9-11 family record]

John G. Thompson Junior was born May 12th A.D. 1801

Leighanna Thompson Wife of John G Thompson was Born February 4th, A.D. 1804

John Thompson and Leighanna his wife was Married October 19th A.D. 1824

George Calvin Thompson son of John & Leighanna his wife Born July 23rd A.D. 1825

Leonard Caswell Thompson son of John & Leighanna his wife Born 5th day of October A.D. 1826

Alfred Simon Thompson son of John & Leighanna his wife Born November 7th A.D. 1828

[Illegible entry] was born April [illegible] A.D. 1831

Thomas Gastin Thompson son of John & Leighanna his wife Born 12th August A.D. 1832

Melinda Reisel [?] Thompson Daughter of John Thompson and Leah his Wife was born March the first 1834

Terinda H. Thompson daughter of John G Thompson and Leah Thompson was born April the 9th

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James Jefferson Thompson was born the 25 February 1838

Cornelius Francis Thompson was born 8th July 1839

Martha H Thompson daughter John Thompson and Leah his wife was born February the 2nd
[year illegible]

John Thompson Senior Died June the 8th A.D. 1838 in the 84th year of his age