

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thomson (Thompson) R10542

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State of South Carolina Chester District SS

On this 28th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary now Sitting John Thompson a resident of State and District aforesaid aged Seventy years past the ninth day of March last past 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated Volunteered in a company of volunteers commanded by Captain John Morrison, Lieutenant William Dinwiddie Ensign James Crawford in the fall of the year 1778 or 1779 in Amherst County, in the State of Virginia, marched from thence to Richmond in said State from thence passed little York to Williamsburg from thence back to Richmond and there joined General Green's Army and marched from thence to Petersburg where he was discharged having served eighteen months. And this deponent further saith that he substituted himself for his uncle William Barnet Amherst County State of Virginia for the term of three months Joined General Green's Army and marched with it to the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781], and then marched in pursuit of the British to deep River where he was discharged having served out his term of three months. This last Service was performed in driving a Baggage Wagon but this deponent says that he was put to that source by the order of the officers & further saith that he was willing to serve in any capacity. And this deponent further saith that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. He further saith that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Answer 1<sup>st</sup> interrogatory I was born in Amherst County Virginia State on the 9th day of March 1762

Ans. 2 Int. I have no record of my age but have seen one and my father's Bible in Amherst County Virginia in the year 1802

Ans. 3 Int. I was living in Amherst County State of Virginia when called into Service. I have lived in Chester District State of South Carolina ever since the revolutionary war where I now live

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> Int. I first volunteered for 18 months and I next substituted for my uncle William Barnett

Ans. 5<sup>th</sup> Int. I [indecipherable word] General Green, Colonel Washington & my Captain John Morrison, Lieutenant William Dunwiddie Ensign James Crawford. Know that at the battle of Guilford the North Carolina Militia fled as I saw them on their flight.

Ans. 6 Int. I received a discharge given by Captain John Morrison I left my discharge in State of

Virginia

Ans. 7 Int. I will state the names of Colonel George Gill, John Rossborough, Reverend Samuel McCreary, John McCreary, James McClurd, Esq. Rev. John B. Davis & Joseph Hinkle.

Sworn to & subscribed the date above in open Court

S/ Peter Wylie, Judge

S/ John Thomson



[Samuel McCreary, a clergyman, and Joseph Hinkle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary of said District in open court John Thompson who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory as also the length of time transpired he cannot positively swear whether his first Term of eighteen months service was entered in 1778 or in 1779 but finds from history that the last tour of three months was in the year 1781 as that was the year of the Battle of Guilford North Carolina & further saith that he did not serve less than 21 months in whole for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to & signed in open court this night day of June 1833

S/ Peter Wylie, J.C.O.C.D.

S/ John Thomson

State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally came John Thompson the [indecipherable word, could be 'anexed' for 'annexed'] Applicant into open Court who for the intent to amend his annexed declaration Saith upon oath that they [sic, the] way he came to serve the eighteen months in the Virginia Militia at one Tour was as follows viz. the company in which he served agreed to serve the term of eighteen months which was to be the quota of Militia for Amherst County for that term the term he believes was six, and or legal Tours as this deponent believes the legal Tour was three months.

S/ John Thomson

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State of South Carolina Chester District

On this 21st day of May 1836 personally appeared in open Court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the court of Ordinary of said District now sitting John Thompson a resident of State and District aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Tour first he enlisted or entered the Virginia State troops in the fall of the year 1778 or 1779 in Captain John Morrison's Company Lieutenant William Caldwell & Ensign Samuel Crawford Colonel Joseph Cavil's [Joseph Cabell's?] Regiment marched from Amherst County State of Virginia to Richmond lay there a short time & from thence to little York lay there sometime and marched from thence to Williamsburg lay there five or six months from thence back to little York lay there some time from thence to Richmond lay there a short time when General Green & his Army arrived at Richmond joined General Green that he is with his own Regiment marched with General Green's Army to Petersburg Virginia lay there some time when discharged having served 18 months. Tour second Substituted in place of William Barnett followed the Army from Amherst County Virginia in year 1781 joined General Lawson in North Carolina with General Green's Army marched with

Green's Army to the Battle of Guilford and thence after the British to Deep River when discharged having served not less than three months this Tour he was put to driving a wagon but would rather served as a soldier in any other way. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ John Thomson, X his mark

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 24th day of March 1784 in the name of John Thompson as Sol Infy [Soldier of Infantry] and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £ 59.18.9 delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
28th day of March 1854

S/G. W. Clutter

Adr. P. Accts

[No Seal of Office]

[f p. 23: the following appears to be in the applicant own handwriting]

South June the 15th 1843

Carolina Chester Ditret

They ware about to have a draft and Colonel Joseph Cavel [probably Joseph Cabell] And Mager Hickim Bottom [probably Major James Higginbotham] thought it Better to raise a company of volenteers to go to little york and Williams burg to stay eighteen months to releave the District of a draft after thay had concluded it best to raise a volenteer Company they put it uppon Capt John Morison to raise the company of volenteer to go to williamsburg and at the experation of the time they ware to send another company to releave them

James Morison

Joseph Roberts

Samuel Woods

James Woods

William Wood

If I gave it in a regular Sererce I gave it in Rang for I never knew of any regular service in  
virginia

S/ John B. Thomson

South June the 15<sup>th</sup> 1779  
Carolina Chester District

They were about to have a draft and Colonel Joseph Cavel and Major Hickin Bottom thought it better to raise a company of volunteers to go to Little York <sup>and</sup> Williamsburg being to stay eight or ten months to receive the disband of a draft after they had concluded it best to raise a volunteer company they put it upon Capt John Morrison to raise the company of volunteers to go to Williamsburg and at the expiration of the time they were to send another company to relieve them

James Morrison  
Joseph Roberts  
Samuel Woods  
James Woods  
William Wood

My I gave it in a regular service I gave it in King Co. I never knew of any regular service in Virginia

John B. Thomson

South June the 15<sup>th</sup> 1849  
Carolina Chester Dist

They were about to have a draft and Colonel Joseph Ewell and Major William Bottom thought it better to raise a company of volunteers to go to Little York, <sup>and</sup> Williamsburg being to stay eight or ten months to relieve the District of a draft after they had concluded it best to raise a volunteer company they put it upon Capt John Morrison to raise the company of volunteers to go to Williamsburg and at the expiration of the time they were to send another company to relieve them

James Morrison  
Joseph Roberts  
Samuel Woods  
James Woods  
William Wood

My father gave it in a regular service I gave it in Regt or I never knew of any regular service in Virginia

John B. Hanson