

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thompson R10544

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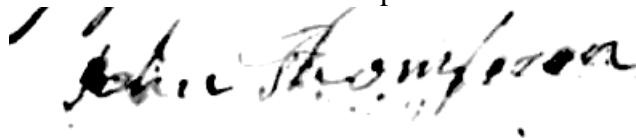
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State of Virginia Hampshire County: SS

On this 28 day of May 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Hampshire, now sitting John Thompson a resident of Athens County in the State of Ohio and late a resident of the County of Hampshire aforesaid aged eighty-seven 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 but lately was apprised of his title to a pension and did not make his declaration in the state of Ohio because he was about to visit said County of Hampshire where his witnesses resided and where it was most convenient to do it. That he entered the service as a drafted Militia Man under the command of Captain Edward McCarty and marched from the town of Romney in the summer of 1781 to Pomunky [Pamunkey] and from thence to Williamsburg and then below Williamsburg, that Colonel Darke [Lt. Col. William Dark or Darke] a regular officer Commanded the Regiment to which he was attached, that the troops were three times drawn up for an engagement but that there was no fight and that he was honorably discharged after serving one tour = he further states that before the war of the revolution he served five months as a private against the Indians that he has lost his discharge and has no other evidence of his service than that attached to be filed with this declaration. 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 or territory.

S/ John Thompson



[Marquis Monroe, a clergyman, and William Doran gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questions propounded

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Hampshire County Virginia in May 1751 (Hampshire was then part of Frederick)

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: At the time of being called into service I lived in said County of Hampshire where I

resided after the close of the war until nine or ten years ago when I moved to Morgan town & from thence to the State of Ohio where I now reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I recollect Generals Washington & Wayne & Colonel Darke, Major Reed & Captain George. I do not recollect the names & numbers of the regiments the residue of this question is answered in the declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: it is so long ago that I cannot recollect what has become of it

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: In the County of Hampshire Frederick Michael, James Thompson, James Pruitt, Marquis Monroe, Robert N White, Alexander Doran & others. In the County of Athens Elijah Dolby, Joshua Selby, John Selby & Joshua Hawkins can testify as to my character as well as many others.

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The following deposition is taken before me Elijah Thompson a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hampshire Virginia, to prove that John Thompson is a lawful pensioner for serving a tour of duty in the Revolution war by being drafted

The deposition of Frederick Michael is as followeth after being first sworn

Q. Mr. Michael do you know that John Thompson served a tour in the Revolution war and what year

Answer by said Michael, I saw him in the Army at the Pamunkey River and we were messmates together and it was in the year 1781

Question, Mr. Michael what office so was John Thompson under

Answer, Edward McCarty Captain

Question, again Mr. Michael do you know how long John Thompson served in the said war – Answer I and do not know but he got home from the Army a short time before Wallis [Cornwallis] was taken [October 19, 1781].

This deposition taken before the subscriber May 17 1838

S/ Elijah Thompson