

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lawrence Thompson [Thomson] R10546 Keziah Thompson f31NC
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State of Kentucky, Madison County} SS

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared before William Goodloe, James Dejarrett & Richard Broaddus Justices of the County Court of Madison County aforesaid Lawrence Thompson a resident of said County of Madison aged Seventy nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 – that in Orange County State of North Carolina in the year 1775 in July or August he entered the service of the United States as first Lieutenant in a company commanded by Captain Alfred Moore, Lieut. Colo. Nash [Francis Nash] was the Commandant of the Regiment or that portion of it then at Hillsborough N. C. -- that he was attached to the first Regiment of North Carolina Troops on Continental Establishment was appointed by the State of N. C. In the summer of 1776 he received a Captain's Commission from the Continental Congress – he recollects it was signed by Charles Thompson – Secretary – acted as Captain in the 1st Regiment North Carolina Troops on Continental Establishment – marched to Charleston in 1776 – in 1777 we were ordered on to the North – at Georgetown present District of Columbia we were inoculated for Small Pox – thence to Philadelphia – thence to the Jerseys, to Trenton, thence back to Chester & on the 11th of September 1777 he was in the Battle of Brandywine – on the 4th of October was in the Battle of Germantown – continued in Commission through the latter part or sometime after the year 1778 when he resigned his commission as Captain to Archibald Lytle, Colonel, in North Carolina. He has no documentary evidence to prove his services in his possession except his recruiting orders from Colonel Nash [Francis Nash], which are herewith forwarded,¹ -- his commission he had for many years but it has been destroyed --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Lawrence Thompson, X his mark

[p 4: On July 2, 1849 in Madison County Kentucky, Thomas Richardson, administrator of Keziah Thompson, deceased, widow of Capt. Lourance Thompson, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner; that were Keziah still alive she would have alleged in an application for a pension in her own right that she was married prior to January 1, 1794; that the veteran and his wife now have children living who are between 60 and 70 years of age; that Capt. Thompson died April 21, 1835; that Keziah died February 13, 1837. The claimant was attempting to obtain a pension by

¹ No such documents are contained in this file.

right of the widow for the benefit of her children (not named) living at the time of her death.)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$429.36 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant & Captain in the North Carolina Continental Line. The application filed by the veteran's widow's administrator was rejected.]

C. Leon Harris points out that Capt. Thompson gave testimony in support of the application of [Richard Oldham W6887](#) as follows:

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State of Kentucky }


Madison County } S.S. [30 Nov 1832]

I Lawrence Thompson of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that I shall be eighty years of age in Dec'r next – that I was a Lieutenant & Capt. in the Army of the Revolution in 1775 6-7 & part of 1778 that I have known Capt. Richard Oldham of the County of Madison aforesaid ever since he was a child – that I knew him in Orange & afterwards in Caswell County North Carolina. I know that in 1777 & from that on till the close of the Revolutionary War he was frequently out as a volunteer in the Militia from North Carolina – that I knew Capt. Tate of North Carolina & that said Oldham was in his Company a considerable time – I also knew Capt John Oldham, who was a Capt in the Militia form N. Carolina – & that said Rich'd. Oldham was out in the Militia a considerable time under him – I cannot state the exact times that said Oldham was out, but have no doubt from the best of my recollection that he must have served two years – he was always called a good soldier & has always sustained a fair character – I lived & was born in Orange County N.C. where said Oldham was born – when Orange was divided, said Oldham fell into Caswell County – I know Rich'd. Oldham of Estill County & Hezekiah Oldham of Madison County, who with me attached our certificate to the original Declaration of said Capt. [sic] Rich'd Oldham – they are both very respectable men – said Rich'd. is a very aged man, near ninety and as I have always understood was a Soldier of the Revolution. Said Hezekiah is also a man seventy years of age.

Lawrence Thompson



Another document in the Oldham file [p 11] purporting to be signed by Thompson bears his

signature as  , i.e., without the "p" in "Thompson." Since Thompson's own application indicates that he signed with his mark, it is seemingly impossible to definitely state how he spelled his surname.