

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Roger Thompson R10552

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State of Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County the second day of October 1832

On this second day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Albemarle County now sitting Roger Thompson of the County of Albemarle and State aforesaid aged eighty-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 was drafted in the Militia in the State of Virginia and served under the following named officers as herein stated. That he was born in the County of Albemarle and state of Virginia and entered the service in the year 1778 or 1779 (he cannot be positive which) in the County of Albemarle under Captain John Miller as a Guard at the Barracks over Burgoyne's prisoners in said County commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor of Orange County, he served in that capacity about three or four days and was then ordered by Colonel Taylor with letters to Major Buck & others giving information of deserters and in consequence of such service was then discharged from the tour of three months.

In May 1781 he was drafted and served in the Company of Militia commanded by Captain John Miller, Lieutenant Richard Durrett & Ensign Henry Austin Colonel Holt Richison [Holt Richardson or Holt Richeson] & General Lawson , marched from Albemarle County by Richmond to Williamsburg from thence returned to the Mowen Hills [Malvern Hills] near James River, remained there one day and return to the poplar bridge 15 or 20 miles below Richmond where the baggage was, from thence marched through Richmond to the four mile Creek from thence back to Richmond from thence to Pelles' mill in Louisa County where he was discharged after serving one month.

In July 1781 he was drafted and served in the militia commanded by Captain Thomas, or John Martin and the other officers as named above, marched from Richmond to New Kent Courthouse crossed over at Ruffin's ferry, remained there two weeks, then returned & crossed James River at Mims' ferry, from thence down the River and crossed it at James town from thence to Williamsburg where he remained two weeks, from thence he marched to York where he remained four or five days and was there discharged after serving two months.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of several persons to whose testimony he refers who can testify to his service. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Roger Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger Thompson". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Thereupon the Court propounded to the Applicant in open court the following Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia in the year 1750

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

A. 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?

A. When called into service I lived in Albemarle County State of Virginia where I continued to lived since the Revolution, & where I now live.

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

A. 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.

A. Captain John Miller, Colonel Francis Taylor, Lieutenant Richard Durrett, Ensign Henry Austin, Colonel Holt Richerson, General Lawson, Captain Thomas or John Miller the general circumstances of my service I have stated in my 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?

A. I have no recollection now of having received any written discharge, if I did it is lost.

Richard Snow¹ personally appeared in open Court and being sworn says that he knows the Claimant served one tour of two months in the Militia during the Revolution as stated in his declaration that he relieved him at York at the expiration of his tour.

[facts in file: Veteran died December 30 or 31, 1838, leaving the following children surviving William, Nicholas, Nathaniel, Junior, Mary, wife of Richard Franklin, Elizabeth Ballard, Sarah, wife of Richard Ward, and Susan, wife of William Ward; the name of the veterans wife is not in the file.]

¹ FPA S14540