

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Seth Thompson R10554 Judith Thompson f11NC
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State of Georgia, Meriwether County }

On this the thirteenth day of February 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court of Meriwether County now sitting, Seth Thompson, a resident of the State of Georgia & County of Meriwether aged seventy-eight 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 & served as herein stated – Under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], & Colonel Grimes [sic probably William Graham] field officers in Captain James Cook's company, Adam Hampton Lieutenant on the first of July 1775 as a volunteer in the militia for five months during which time he was engaged as a spy on the frontier of North Carolina against the Cherokee Indians, & was in a skirmish with a party of Indians in the month of August 1775 at Mumford's Cove in Rutherford County North Carolina on the head of Main Broad River, served out the time & returned home to Mumford's Cove in Rutherford County where he then resided. That he was drafted in February or March 1782 from Halifax County North Carolina where he then resided for three months & served by substitute (Frederick Thompson) under Colonel Nicholas Long Captain Newsom's company of the militia, at the battle of Guilford¹ General Greene [Nathanael Greene] commanded officer. That being drafted in the latter part of the summer of 1782 he served a tour of 12 months by James Allen a substitute under General Greene in the southern division of the Army. That he served in person in 1783 & 1784 the term of two years in Captain Newsom's company Furney Southold Lieutenant of Halifax County North Carolina during which time he was engaged in scouting & protecting the frontiers of Halifax North Carolina from the outlying Tories & also to suppress insurrectionary [sic] movements among the Negroes General Thomas Eaton & Col. Nicholas Long of the militia commanding officers, during which time the Tories were entirely subdued or driven from that section of Country. That he lived at that time in Halifax County North Carolina, that he has no documentary evidence of his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Question Where and in what year were you born?

A: From the information of my parents – I was born January 3, 1755 Brunswick County Virginia

Q: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: I have no record nor do I know where it is

Q: Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

1 The Battle of Guilford Court House was fought March 15, 1781.

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: Rutherford County North Carolina when called into service at first afterwards in Halifax County N. C. at the close of the War settled in Brunswick County Virginia, thence moved to Georgia where I resided many years thence moved to Tennessee remained a few years & removed to Georgia and now reside in Meriwether County.

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

A: Volunteered for five months in 1775 – drafted for three months in 1782 & drafted for 12 months in the latter part of 1782 & volunteered two years 1783 & 1784

Q: 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: Col. Austin Willis Regiment, Col. Nicholas Long, Genl. Thomas Eaton, Militia; Genl. Greene of the Army

Q: 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 written discharge

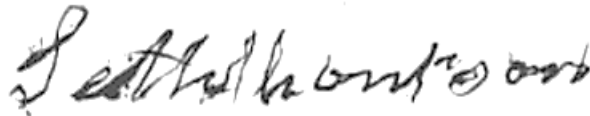
Q: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A: James Render, Abram Hill, John Hill as to character & veracity & Samuel Coleman² as to services.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Hiram Warner, Judge Superior Court

S/ Seth Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Seth Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Seth Thompson".

[John Keith, a clergyman, Abner Durham, William Morgan & Samuel Coleman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[In 1853, Judith Thompson, claiming to be the widow of Seth Thompson, gave a power of attorney to prosecute his claim to M. Thompson.]