

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thompson R10563

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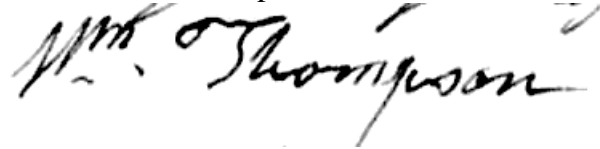
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State of Kentucky Campbell County: SS On this 26 day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Campbell County now sitting, William Thompson, a resident of the state of Kentucky in the County of Campbell aged sixty-six years on the 22nd day of June last, 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 on the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the 15 year of his age as a volunteer under Captain Baker Ewing, Colonel John Logan & John Scone [?] was Sergeant the names of the Lieutenant & Ensign, he does not recollect. I had just come to Kentucky and after my entrance into the service we went in pursuit of the Indians, and we rendezvoused at Pettit's station on the headwaters of Green River, on the first day of February 1782, and from there we marched to Cumberland River at Price's Cabins, and crossed the River at that place, after making a small canoe, to carry over our guns and provisions and swam over our horses and the next day after crossing the River we came to the trail of a party of Indians that were making for their Towns, as they had been in the settlement, and had committed some murders and stole some horses, we followed the trail seven or eight days & overtook them at a fork of the Tennessee River and there we had a battle with them, and killed 17 of them 16 we killed on the battleground and one was wounded and taken prisoner, near one mile from the place of the battle, and Captain Taris wounded the Indian and took him prisoner, and the same night the wounded Indian attempted to make his escape, and ran some distance, and the same Captain Taris killed him with his Tomahawk, we had one man killed in the battle by the name of Thomas Gilmore and one wounded by the name of Daniel McCormick. Gilmore was a messmate of mine and near neighbor. We were out this time one month & then returned home again. Then in the month of June I again turned out as a volunteer and had the command of the company to range for one month and we marched to Russell's Creek, at Logan's Station on a Branch of the Green River, and scouted round for some time, and returned home without any battles this time, – Then in the month of August in the year 1782 I turned out again as a volunteer, under Captain John Dougherty, Colonel Benjamin Logan, and crossed the Ohio River at the mouth of Limestone Creek and marched to the old Chilicothe Towns, and had a Battle with the Indians there, and killed several Indians and destroyed their Town, and was out this term of one month and a half – Then again in the year 1783 in the month of June there was a call sent from Colonel Floyd to Colonel Logan to send him some men to Bullets Lick, as the Indians were committing depredations on that place, and Colonel Logan sent me with the command of 40 men, and we were out one month this time, and we killed one Indian, as he was in the act of taking off the hoppers off a horse to steal him, and the name of the person that killed the Indian was John Prior, and then we returned home again – Then in the month of August in the same year orders came to

Colonel Logan to raise a company of Horseman, to be ready on a moment's warning and I again volunteered and continued from the first day of that month, till the last day of December making five months this time, making 9 1/2 months In what I term my revolutionary service, but this did not in my Indian warfare, for I never failed to be at the post of danger while there was a Savage to molest the country near where I was, and I never received any pay or drew any rations only what the forest afforded, and I know of no person that I can prove my services by at this time. 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 of the United States Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

Att: S/ John N. Taliaferro, Clerk

S/ Wm Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ Wm Thompson".

[Benjamin D. Beall, the coroner of the County, and Richard Nelson, a Justice of the Peace, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where and in what year were you born. Ans. I was born on the 22nd day of June in the year 1767 in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia according to my Father's record which record I had in my possession until a few months ago and then the children destroyed it, but I have a perfect recollection of it. Where did you live when you entered the service. Ans. I lived in Kentucky when I entered the service, in what is now called Lincoln County and from there I moved to Montgomery County and lived there two years and from there I moved to Campbell County, where I now live and have lived for 34 years past; I volunteered each time when I entered the service and the names of the most of the officers are mentioned in the body of my declaration