

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thurmond R10585

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State of Georgia Coweta County: SS

On this 14th day of April in the year of our Lord 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of the County of Coweta now sitting for ordinary purposes John Thurmond (alias Thurman) a resident of Newton in the County & State aforesaid, aged eighty-one years the 12th day of June next – 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 first entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – as well as he can now recollect – That he first entered the service of the United States under Captain Charles Allen who was the only officer of any grade that he can now remember under whom he served this first tour as a private – He cannot remember the day or month that he entered in this first tour but believes it to have been in the spring of 1781 nor does he remember the time he was discharged from this first tour. He states that he resided in Prince Edward County in the State of Virginia when he entered the Service – that the people then were divided or classed into three divisions, to which, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd – but does not remember to which division he was attached – but thinks it was the first – That the company was raised for the purpose of pursuing Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] the British officer who had passed through the said County of Prince Edward & that he marched in the company under Captain Charles Allen in pursuit of Colonel Tarleton from Prince Edward County through Amelia County down to Petersburg where they were stationed a few days & there Captain received information that Tarleton had joined Cornwallis & that they were then marched back & discharged & that the company in which he marched was not attached to any Battalion or Regiment during this first tour. He has no distinct recollection of the time he served in this first tour but believes it was as much as three weeks & that he received a written discharge from Captain Charles Allen – which is now lost –

He further states that a short time after he received his first discharge he was again called out under Captain's James Allen who was the nephew of Captain Charles Allen. He does not know the day he entered on this second tour – but thinks it was in July 1781 – that he marched under Captain James Allen from Prince Edward County through a part of Amelia County & through Chesterfield crossing the James River at Warwick or Rocky Ridge & joined the American Army at Mulberry Hills [Malvern Hills] & there remained a fortnight or three weeks. At this place information was received that Cornwallis was marching to the [indecipherable

words¹] & they were ordered to pursue him & in their march they crossed Chickahominy & Pamunkey & camped on the North side of the Pamunkey for some three or four weeks when they received word that Cornwallis was still South of them & they were ordered back. They recrossed the Pamunkey & marched to the South side of James River & down the River to James Town – crossing James River again marched to Williamsburg where they were stationed till their term of service expired & for several days afterwards – & after the relief came they were marched a short distance towards Williamsburg & discharged a short time before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He states that he was drafted the second tour for three months that he recollects Captain James Allen & Lieutenant Ezekiel Park – the only officers names he now recollects. He also recollects Majors Watkins & Overstreet of his Regiment – but no officers Superior to them. And he further states that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

To the 1st interrogatory propounded by the Court he answers – He was born 12th day of June 1757 in Prince Edward County Virginia.

To 2nd Interrogatory he answers – That he has – that it is recorded in his Bible which was transcribed from his Grandfather's Bible.

To 3rd Interrogatory – he answers – he was living in Prince Edward County when called into the Service. Since the revolution he has resided in Wilkes, Clarke & Morgan counties Georgia & now resides in Coweta County Georgia.

To 4th Interrogatory he answers – he was drafted in the manner above stated –

To 5th interrogatory – he answers – as much as he can now remember is stated above in his declaration –

To 6th Interrogatory he answers – that he had two written discharges one from Captain Charles Allen the other from Captain James Allen both of which are now destroyed –

To 7th interrogatory he answers – Colonel William W Selman, Judge John D Hinton & Judge R. B. Wootten.

From old age & infirmity he states that he cannot say how long he served but thinks he is safe in saying that he served as much or as long as four months in both tours –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Thurmond, X his mark

[John D Hinton & Richard B Wootten gave the standard supporting affidavit.]