

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thompson R18477

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[This file contains no pension application. The most informative document in the file is the following letter:

Halifax C. H. Virginia
October 29th 1860

Sir

You will be so kind as to inform me whether since 1833 or 1832, there has been in the pension money paid to William Thompson's heirs on account of his military services in the War of the Revolution, if so, when what amount & to whom? He left a widow Polly Thompson who married William Terry between 1798 & 1803. In 1832 or 1833 William Thomson's administrator received from the State of Virginia about \$5000 & from the US about \$382.52. I wish to know if anything was ever received by his administrator or any of his heirs after that time & who received it and if it appears in your office whether he was ever entitled to any land for military services, how much, whether it has ever been located or patented and when and where, and any other information in relation to that may appear from the documents of your office. If I knew what amount to send I would now remit your fees for making the examination. If you should comply with my request, stating at the same time your charges, I will then forthwith remit your fees. An early compliance is very important.

S/Very Respectfully
S/ Beverly Barksdale, Jr.

[On November 5, 1860, Barksdale received a reply indicating that William Thompson was not entitled to land from the general government and directing him to inquire of the state authorities in Virginia.]