

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gideon Thomson (Thompson) R19424 Nancy Thompson f85NC
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State of Kentucky, Todd County } SS

On this 10th day of December 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court of Todd County now sitting Gideon Thomson a resident of Todd County & State of Kentucky aged 68 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 and served as herein stated.

He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer militia man in February 1781 in the company of Captain James Thompson & Colonel Davidson's [William Lee Davidson's] Regiment of North Carolina militia and served under said officers & Lieutenant Francis Bradley Ensign Thomas Dixon & General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] for eight months and left the service without receiving any discharge in a few days after Cornwallis was taken some time in October 1781. I was in no battle I was in several skirmishes with the Tories and foraging parties of the British while they were posted at Charlotte, a small battle or skirmish with the Tories at Ramsours N. C. I entered the service in Mecklenburg County North Carolina we marched over into Lincoln County and then to Burke, when the British were leaving Charlotte our company came up with a part of them while crossing Sugar Creek and fired on them they cut out their horses from their wagons and left us about 30 baggage wagons, I never was with any regulars and therefore was unacquainted with any regular officers or regiments,

I have no documentary evidence of my service and know of no person whose evidence I can procure who can testify to my service, my brother Captain Thompson has been dead for several years.

1st I was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina in the year 1764 but do not know what time of the year

2nd I have no record of my age but know it only from my age at the time I entered the service and from the information of my family and relations

3rd I was living at the time I entered into the service at the same place I was born (to wit) Mecklenburg County North Carolina I lived there 30 years ago I came direct by to the place I now live in Todd County Kentucky and have lived here ever since

4th I was a volunteer in the service and never served as a substitute and was never drafted

5th I never served with any regulars and am therefore unacquainted with any regular officers or regiments I was acquainted with Colonel Thomas and his Regiment of militia

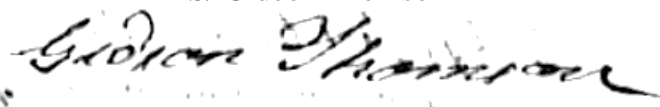
6th he never received any discharge I served until the British left the Country and then we went home

7th I am acquainted with Samuel Gordon, John Brown, William Brisendine, Finis McLean and many others who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a

soldier of the revolution I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Gideon Thomson



[William Brisendine, a clergyman, John Brown and Samuel Gordon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Gideon Thomson was pensioned at the rate of \$33.55/annum; he died December 21, 1841; Gideon Thomson and Nancy Gallaher¹ were married in Todd County, Ky, August 12, 1830; his pension was suspended by the War Department “several years before his death”; Mary Bell, 67 [as of August 19, 1867], of Elkton Ky, was a daughter of Gideon Thomson by his first wife²; Mary Bell gave an affidavit that she had heard her father speak of his revolutionary services under his brother, Capt. James Thompson who, according to family tradition died of small pox shortly after the Revolution, leaving a widow who died shortly after her husband's death and one small child [fate, unknown]]

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Elkton Todd County, Ky, Jany 8th 1835

To the Honorable Secretary of War Lewis Cass Esqr.

Dear Sir

I have seen your report to the President of the U. S. and both huses [houses] of the presant [present] Congress; and from what you stated in regard to the frauds practised [practiced] on the pention [pension] list; and the facts nessicary [necessary] to be establised [established] in order legally to obtain a pention; I have no doubt in my mind but there are several in this county obtaining pentions fraudulantly [fraudulently], And I deem it my duty as an honest man, and citizen of the U. S. to give you a few facts in relation [to] Gedian Thompson of this county who is drawing a pention from the Government for Servises [Services] he says he rendered in the Revolutionary War; [I] have knew Gedian Thompson for forty five years; and from every information I can get on the Subject I am Satisfyed [satisfied] he never sarved [served] a single day, his Sister Mary; now Mary Carson now living in Rutherford County, Tennessee who is only betwen [between] two and three years youger [younger] than her brother Gedian told me herselfe [herself] that her brother Gedian was not intitled [entitled] to a pention; that he never sarved a Single day in the Revolutionary war; that he was not old enough—I have also written a letter to an elder Sisters Son of sd [said] Thompson in North Carolina Lincoln County living on Crowders Creek near Falls Post office & he write me for answer; that his mother and Aunt another Sister of sd Thompson and older than him; both State that their Brother Gedion Thompson was not old anough [enough] to be in the Service during the revolution and to their own knowledge he was not entitled to a pention not having sarved a day in the war; the mans name that I wrote to as above Stated is Gedion Blackwood; the two last Sisters aluded [alluded] to names are Ann Blackwood and Elizabeth Bradshaw I believe one reason why so many frauds are committed in this way is through the influence of the attorneys [attorneys] employed to procure and superinted [superintend] those pentions; Mr. Fines E. McLane who was employed By Mr. Thompson and gets halfe [half] the pention for procuring it which is his custom as

1 She was 88 years old in 1867 and living in Logan County, Ky

2 The unnamed sister of John Vance.

attorney for his fee is himselfe [himself] Satisfyed [satisfied] that the said Thompson is not entiled [entitled] to a pention he acknowledged that much to me but said that did not matter so they got the money-----

These are facts that I have no doubt can be astablised [established]; and if they are of any use to the department in detacting [detecting] a fraud you are at libberty [liberty] to make what use of them your Judgement may think best I have the honour to be

yours most respectfully

S/ William Blackwood

Hon Lewis Cass