

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Thorn S16272

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State of Indiana County of Knox: SS

On this 12th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Amery Kinney President Judge of the Circuit Court of said County, now sitting, Michael Thorn, an old and respectable resident of said County and State aged about sixty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration: That he was born on the South branch of the Potomac [River], near Romney, Virginia, in the year 1764, according to a record made by his father in the family Bible, That he removed to near Pittsburgh with his father and the family at an early age – he believes the same year Lord Dunmore held a treaty with the Indians at Pittsburgh; that he entered the service of the United States after the commencement of the Revolutionary war, and served as he is herein related: That in the year 1778 or 1780, he entered a militia company raised him Turtle Creek, under Captain Ellison, as a substitute for Joshua Hicks, for a three month tour of duty to guard the frontier: That he perform said tour, and he thinks Colonel Gibson was then in command at Pittsburgh: That at the expiration of his time, he received a written discharge which is now lost; That he performed several short tours of duty after the one mentioned, and scoured the frontiers to protect the settlements, and drive off the Indians, which he cannot now particularize – until at a later period he helped to build Fort McIntosh at the mouth of Big Beaver. That during a part of his said services Colonel Gibson commanded at Pittsburgh, when General McIntosh took the Command, and after this event, he was drafted for a three months tour, and order to join the garrison at Fort McIntosh; at which place he remained for near three months, having been detached from Captain Ford's Company for this duty, with some other militia man; That he received a written discharge from Captain Ford expiration of his time, which is now lost: That he afterwards volunteered when he lived twelve miles from Pittsburgh on Turtle Creek, for many short expeditions until the close of the war; and he knows he rendered at least six months active service during its continuance: He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person who can testify to his services but Phillip Catt: He removed to N. W. Territory in 1784 to Knox County Indiana; and has resided in said County up to the present 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court

S/ A. Kinney

S/ Mich'l Thorn, X his mark

[Philip Catt gave a standard supporting affidavit and adds that he knows that the applicant rendered services during the war of the revolution.]

[Frederick Mahl & G. W. Johnston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for six months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]