

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Thompson S17144

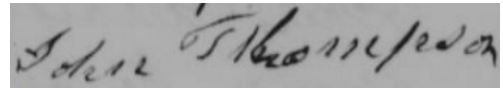
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State of Indiana } SS.

Knox County }

On this 20th day of October 1832, personally appeared in my office at Vincennes, State and county aforesaid, before me an associate Judge of the circuit court of said county, John Thompson a resident thereof, and a feeble old man, now aged about seventy two years, who first being 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 the said John Thompson was born in Caroline county state of Virginia in the year 1760, as he learned of his parents and verily believes – that in said county of Caroline, he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 as a volunteer in a company of horsemen, commanded by Captain John Fitzhugh, and was in said company at Williamsburg, from thence marched to York and from thence to Hampton where the company continued until its period of service had expired — that in May 1781 [sic] he volunteered in a company raised in said county and was marched to South Carolina and was in the army under General [Horatio] Gates, which was defeated on the 16th August [16 Aug 1780] near Rudleys Mill [sic: between Rugeley’s Mill and Camden]; after which the company was at Guilford courthouse, and was discharged there on the first day of November – that on his return home he volunteered in a company to serve in the north and marched to Fredericksburg, but the company was there stopped, and ordered home – that the next ensuing year he volunteered in a company raised in said county of Caroline under Captain George Terrell and marched to Gloster [sic: Gloucester] from which post he was with others detailed to procure horses, which service he performed and took the horses to Little York where Washington commanded, and as the french for whom the horses were intended, did not require them they were ordered to be returned to their proper owners, and he was sent to perform that duty when Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781]; and after guarding the british prisoners to near Bowling Green the company was marched home and discharged – that in the revolutionary war he remembers serving in company’s commanded by Capt’n. Edmund Pendleton and Captain Park Goodall [or Parke Goodall] on seperate tours, and that his actual services on various tours during the war occupied him at least one year. that he remembers to have received only one written discharge, and that was from Capt’n Goodall, which has been lost or destroyed a long time since — that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. 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 any state agency. He further declares that it was out of his power to attend during the last session of the circuit court to have this declaration authenticated in open court.



State of Indiana } SS.

County of Knox }

On this 13th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Amory Kinney, President Judge of the circuit court of said county now in session, John Thompson an applicant for a pension as an old revolutionary soldier, who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath say, that he rendered service, as a private soldier, as set forth and related in his original Declaration verified before Judge Price one of the Associate Judges of our said court, and performed one tour of duty additional, (which he did not, when making that declaration, distinctly recollect) in the summer of the year 1777 as a volunteer in a company raised in Caroline county, Virginia under Capt’n. Sam’l. Temple [Samuel Temple], and marched to Williamsburg in said State where he performed Garrison duty for one month,

and the company was at the expiration of that period, discharged by Capt'n. Temple's orders; That he is unable to state with precision the length of all the tours of service specified in his original Declaration but he served in the Horse company of Captain Fitzhugh forty days, and he clearly remembers that he served for six months in South Carolina under three different Captains, before he was discharged at Guilford court House; two of said Captains names he well recollects, namely Captain Fountain and Capt'n. Goodall; he beleives the tour of duty under Capt'n. Terrill was one months duration, and some of the others were for longer, and some for shorter periods which he is unable to particularize he is positive his actual periods of service during that war in the service of the United States, would count one year or more.

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NOTE: On 27 Feb 1837 Ann Thompson of Pike County IL applied as the widow of John Thompson for his final pension payment up to the date of his death on 20 Dec 1835.