

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hudson Thomson [Thompson, Tomson] S1729

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County} SS

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Anderson, William Edwards and John L. Swaney Esqrs the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Hudson Tompson a resident of Sumner County State aforesaid aged Seventy years upon the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

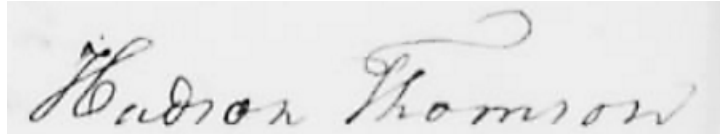
I was born in North Carolina North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1763 & was enrolled in the militia at the age of 16 years old, and was drafted for a three months tour in the militia, and my Father hired a man in my place, and in the year 1779 the Legislature of North Carolina passed a law authorizing the commanding Officers of each County to raise a company of light horse, who was to Equip themselves & find their own Horses and for their Services they were to be Exempted from all over militia duty, there was a company raised in Northampton County and I volunteered myself in it, about the beginning of the year 1780 under the command of Captain Samuel Cryer, James Vaughan Lieutenant and John Long Ensign, and they were under the command of General Allen Jones, who was the commanding officer of Northampton County North Carolina – and at that time our duty was to apprehend deserters & Tories and to quell the insurrections of the Negroes who were very troublesome about that time occasioned by the British holding out an idea to them of freedom if they should conquer us, we were mustered by officers every two or three weeks in different parts of the County and every three months we met at Northampton Court house and mustered by our field officers; we continued in doing our duty in that way until Cornwallis came home through the State of North Carolina when we were called upon to go and watch the movements of Colonel Talton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] who was scouring through different counties sowing discord among the whites and Blacks and destroying property of every kind, we were then commanded by Colonel Hardy Murfree a Regular Officer we followed Colonel Tarleton near Hixesford [Hix's Ford or Hick's Ford?] on Meherrin River Virginia when we were obliged to return home to our former duty, we continued in that service until the close of the War & then we were generally discharged by all field officers, after the Close of the war I lived in the neighborhood of my nativity until the date of 1810 when I came to the State of Tennessee Sumner County where I have lived ever since with the Exception of one year I lived in Caldwell County State of Kentucky. I do not know of any man living that composed that Company that I can prove my Service by or anyone else – I kept the roll of the Company.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his Service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Sworn to in open court August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1832

S/ Hudson Thomson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hudson Thomson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

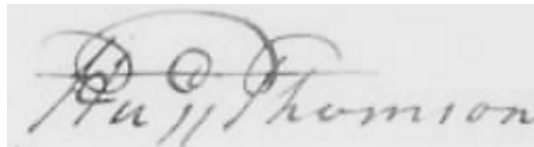
[Malachi Barnes and Robert Lawrence gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Hudson Thompson by way of amendment to his former Declaration to which this is attached He would state in answer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interrogatory that he was born upon the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1763 having a record of his age in his possession on [sic] I volunteered in the light horse Company under Captain Samuel Cryer in Northampton County North Carolina in January 1780 – furnishing my own horse and equipage – I continued in the service in said company to the close of the War with Great Britain – for the circumstances of my service reference is here made to my original Declaration – my services as a volunteer soldier in the revolutionary war for at least two years and for which I claim a pension. The officers that I knew well and were commanded by them – were Major Robert People [?], Col. Jephtha Atherton [Jephtha Eatherton] & Genl. Allen Jones, went in pursuit of Colonel Tarleton we were under the command of the regular or Continental officer Colonel Hardy Murphey [sic, Hardy Murfree] with whom I was well acquainted – no other Continental officer recollected. In answer to the 7<sup>th</sup> interrogatory prescribed he states I am known in my present neighborhood by Robert Lawrence & Malachi Barnes who have given their certificates upon my former Declaration and Cornelius Evans a clergyman who can testify as to my character as to veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to in open court 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1833.

S/ Hud. Thomson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hudson Thomson". The signature is written in a similar style to the one above, with a prominent initial 'H' and 'T'.

S/ J. W. Baldrige, Clerk

[Cornelius Evans, a clergyman, gives the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County: Sumner Circuit Ct. September Term 1833

This day the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 1833 Hudson Tompson appeared in open Court and after being first awfully sworn he states – That he was engaged only in one tour against the enemy in the revolution and that was against Col. Tarleton. The business of his Company was to operate against the Tories and quell the insurrection of the Blacks both of which were very troublesome and served as a guard to the country in which they were against the public enemy – against whom they held themselves ready to be called at any moment. They continued embodied as a light horse Company from the first of 1780 till some months after the surrender of Cornwallis which was in October 1781 [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] – being at least – 2 years but was not all the time in actual service But can safely state that he was engaged as a light horse soldier in

the actual service for at least nine months for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to in open court the 13 September 1833.

S/ Hud. Thomson

S/ J. W. Baldrige, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia, cavalry service.]