

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thompson Clemmons S1946

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: September term of County Court A.D. 1832

On this 29th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Justices of the Peace for the said County of Wilson now sitting at their September Term Sessions A.D. 1832 Thompson Clemmons aged 81 years having been born according to the family Register the 15th of September 1751 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 the seventh of June 1832. He entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 in the County of Montgomery and the State of North Carolina where he then resided in the Militia in the company commanded by West Harris a Captain – Drury Ledbetter commanded the militia of said County and General Rutherford commanded the Brigade to which he belonged Charles Jones acted as Major he volunteered as a minute man in the militia, the Regiment or Brigade to which he belonged were all mounted men and furnished their own horses the object of calling out the men of the Regiment to which he belonged was for the purpose of subduing the Tories who were at that time very troublesome they were ordered from point to point where ever they were informed that the Tories were formed in bodies or were committing depredations on the Whigs. Declarant was engaged in this service under Captain West Harris for six months during which period they were in a number of skirmishes with the Tories. He recollects one engagement against the Tories that had embodied themselves to the number of 300 in Anson County after serving six months he was discharged. In the early part of the year 178\_ [last digit obliterated], he was drafted in Montgomery County North Carolina and entered the service under Captain Richard Harris they were rendezvoused at Sharlotte [sic, Charlotte] North Carolina and marched from thence to Charleston South Carolina and joined the main Army at that place he remained there until his term of service expired making a service of three months. Declarant was in service in all nine months – his discharges he has long since lost. There is no living witnesses by whom he can prove any part of his service except Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Samuel Williams<sup>2</sup> by whom he expects to prove a part if not all his service. Deponent was born in Virginia raised in North Carolina in the Counties of Franklin and Montgomery and from the latter County moved to Tennessee Wilson County about 27 years ago – that he still resides he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and his name is not on the Pension roll of any State in the United States. Applicant refers to Reverend John Jones, Samuel Williams, Martin Hancock & others as to his character for truth.

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas C. Williams W6509](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Williams S1738](#)

S/ Thompson Clemmons, X his mark

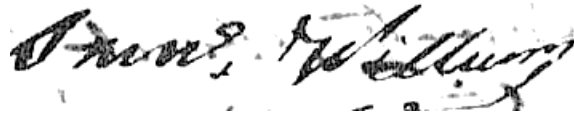
Sworn and subscribed in open Court before me the 29th of September A.D. 1832

S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk

Samuel Williams a Citizen of Wilson County aged 74 years hereby certifies that he has known the applicant Thompson Clemmons from his boyhood. He knows that said Clemmons was a soldier in the Revolution for he served with him a tour of six months under Captain West Harris, Drury Ledbetter acted as Colonel of the Regiment and General Rutherford commanded the Brigade – they entered the service in Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina – he has no doubt he performed the balance of the services mentioned in his Declaration – he was reputed in his neighborhood to be a good soldier and has been always has sustained a good character for truth.

Sworn to in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Saml Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Saml Williams". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[John Jones, a clergyman, and Martin Hancock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]