

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thompson S21534

Transcribed by Will Graves

f12NC

rev'd 4/1/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee, Rhea County: Circuit Court September Term 1834

On this 23rd day of September 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable Circuit Court of Rhea County being a Court of Record John Thompson a resident of Rhea County and State of Tennessee aged 70 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 provision made by 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 after stated. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for nine months in what is now called Hawkins County and State of Tennessee it was then the Western frontier part of North Carolina he thinks sometime in the summer or fall of the year 1781 under the command of Captain Robert Kyle for the purpose of guarding the frontier settlements and was stationed at a place called the Hickory Cove and did guard the frontier against the Cherokee Indians remained at the said station guarding the frontier and making some excursions along the frontier to retake prisoners and property taken by the Indians under his Captain until his term of service for which he had volunteered which was nine months had expired when he was dismissed by his Captain but got no discharge.

Some time in the fall of the year 1782 he again volunteered in the same section of country for three months in a horse Company his officers were Captain Joseph Martin and Col. Sevier [John Sevier] marched against the Cherokee Indians joined Colonels Campbell [William Campbell] and Clark's Regiments from Virginia at French Broad River marched to Chota in the Cherokee Nation took the place and burnt it from there marched to Chilhowee there had a skirmish with the Indians from there marched to a place called Tellico Town took the place from there marched to Hiwassee River to a town called the Old Town from there marched to a little River called Amoye [?]¹ from there returned to Tellico and from there home and was dismissed by his Captain but got no discharge after having served three months the time for which he volunteered.

He states that he was not acquainted with any regular officers not having served with any regular troops but was acquainted with Colonels Sevier, Campbell and Clark of the militia.

He has seen a record of his age in his father's Bible which is now in the possession of his Sister in this County and by that record he was born on the 18th day of May 1765 in Roan [sic, Rowan] County in the State of North Carolina from there he moved with his father to what was then called the western frontier settlement of North Carolina now called Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee from there removed to Rhea County Tennessee where he now lives.

Amoye

He has no documentary evidence but he believes that James Williams and Thomas Brooks and William Armstrong are living with whom he performed a most of his services and he thinks he can obtain their testimony.

He is not acquainted with any clergyman that can testify for him to whom he is known in his present neighborhood But he is acquainted with Colonel William Gillespie and James McCann, Esq. who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Locke, Clerk

S/ John Thompson

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

by his deputy S/ Franklin Locke

[George Gillespie and James McCann gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky, Cumberland County

This day James Williams² Senior who is personally known to me came personally before me and made oath that he was personally acquainted with John Thompson who is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. This affiant states that he served in a campaign with Thompson in the year [text missing] and again in 1782 I served with Thompson in the same Company & Regiment and under the same officers & no his statement made to get a pension or true.

S/ James Williams, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn before me this 10th of November 1834.

S/ J. Noland, JPCC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

2 Probably [James Williams S32607](#)