

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Rodes (Rhodes) Thomson (Thompson) S30737

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I Daniel Bradford Justice of the Peace in & for Scott County Kentucky certify that I propounded the following interrogatories to Rhodes Thompson of said County who is about to apply for a Pension

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Louisa County Virginia the 14 day of October in the year 1754

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have, & it is now in my Bible in my own house

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I was when I entered the service in Louisa County Virginia, and since the Revolutionary war I resided in Louisa County Virginia until 1787 when I left Virginia and came to my spot where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. The first tour of service under Captain Minor I was a volunteer and the tour was under Mosby I was drafted as a private – and the time I went on board of a vessel I think I volunteered, And that in the summer and fall of 1779 when he served two tours in guarding the Prisoners in the barracks at Albemarle, he was drafted or it fell to his lot the us to serve – And the month, he served under an officer by the name of Philips, he served as a drafted Private or soldier – And that in 1781 He was drafted and served as orderly Sergeant and after the tour for which he was drafted had terminated he thinks he volunteered to serve as said orderly Sergeant and did so serve until seven months had terminated from the month of February or March from the time he was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Lafayette and General Wayne were the Regular troops or the officers of the Regular troops that were with me when I served in 1781 as orderly Sergeant periods the Companies of militia of Augusta, Culpeper, Rockbridge, & Rockingham were with our company in 1781 & also in 1779 – And the general circumstances of my service are as follows in 1775 I served as a Private in driving Governor Dunmore on board the vessel that he took shipping island, & had an engagement at Jamestown: in 1779 under Captain Mosby he marched down to Williamsburg to prevent the British from sprading [spreading?] such cruelties in the Country that they did – He went on board a vessel and went around on the Eastern Shore of North Carolina and returned back to the mouth of James River in 1779. He served two tours as a guard over the

British who had been taken prisoners and which were in the Albemarle Barracks – in 1780 He was drafted to serve in the Regular Line on Continental establishment under an officer by the name of Philips and marched one hundred miles and continued in said Line one month & then hired a substitute for the remainder of the time and paid him \$100 in silver – In 1781 – He was drafted to serve as an orderly Sergeant in the militia under General Matthews Colonel Campbell & Captain Byers and marched down to Williamsburg and all through that portion of Virginia on the waters of James & York rivers and served seven months in 1781 as orderly Sergeant and true and distributed the provision for his troops and called the rolls both by day and by night and was with other Companies of militia from Virginia and his Company was with General Lafayette & General Wayne.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I received a discharge from Mosby for my service under him & it was signed by Mosby & I don't know what has become of it. I received a discharge for the eighteen months service of the Continental Line for which I was drafted and also received a receipt for the substitute I hired to fill out my time & I can't tell what has become of them I received a discharge from for my service as a Sergeant for my service in 1781 but what became of it I cannot for my life say –

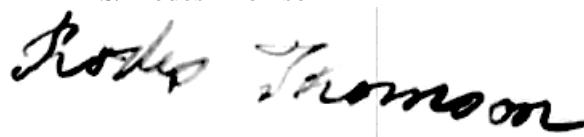
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – William Johnson Esquire Mrs. Milly Thompson, Colonel Richard M Johnson, Rhodes Smith & Daniel Bradford

And further Rhodes Thompson further declared that the reason he did not apply for a Pension at an earlier date is that he imagined it was fraught with a great deal of trouble and expense to make application, and that he is wealthy and not at all compelled to apply for it –

Sworn to and subscribed before made this fourth of January 1843

S/ Rodes Thomson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhodes Thomson". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

State of Kentucky Scott County: On this the fourth day of January 1843 Personally appeared before me Daniel Bradford an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Scott and State of Kentucky, Mr. Rhodes Thompson resident of said County and State and who is by reason of Bodily infirmity prevented from appearing in Open Court and is aged upwards of eighty-eight years, and after 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 entered the service of the United States during the war of the Revolution as a militia volunteer and Private or soldier under Captain Minor he thinks in the year of 1775, and they marched down from Louisa County towards Williamsburg and drove Governor Dunmore who took sides with the British upon a vessel and we had one engagement at Jamestown with the British & Tories. And this tour of service under Captain Minor as a private & a volunteer of the Militia was of two months duration. And in the year of 1779 he was drafted as a Private of the Militia and served a tour of three months under Captain Mosby and said tour commenced in February or March and they marched down from Louisa County to Williamsburg with the

intention of preventing the British from perpetrating the enormous cruelties which they so freely spread through the whole Country over which they made themselves masters and particularly did they destroy immense deal of shipping and provisions down about Norfolk & Portsmouth. He also declares that he served a tour of service under an officer who was sent by Patrick Henry and who went down to the mouth of James River and went on board of a vessel and set out for the shores of North Carolina & he thinks that he was about eight weeks in this tour, but of the date and the names of all the officers under whom it was performed and the object of the voyage he had not a distinct recollection but knows they executed the design of Patrick Henry. He also declares that he served a tour of one month in the summer of 1779 if he is not mistaken in the year, as one of the guard in Albemarle County over Prisoners that had been sent to Albemarle, which had been taken by the Americans. And that he came to his turn thus to serve their having been divisions laid off and he being of one of the divisions and that in the fall of the same year he served another tour of a month in guarding the Prisoners in the County of Albemarle which County adjoined Louisa, and that in the year 1780 he was drafted to serve an eighteen months tour in the Regular Continental Line of Virginia and under an officer by the name of Philips, and that he served one month of said tour and marched about one hundred miles from Louisa County, and the condition of his family was so helpless that he was induced to hire a substitute for the remainder of the time and that he gave him \$100 in silver and he borrowed \$20 of the money from a Mr. Quarles and \$20 from Colonel Minor and \$10 from a man by the name of Henderson. He also declares that in the month of February or March 1781 he was drafted to serve in the militia as an orderly Sergeant under one Captain Byers Colonel Campbell & General Matthews and that he served seven months as orderly Sergeant, he is of opinion that when the three first months terminated he volunteered and continued under said Colonel Campbell and General Mathews until the seven months terminated and that during said tour they marched down to Williamsburg & stayed about their a great while & then marched back to Louisa County and [indecipherable word] from place to place and through the silence Eastern portion of Virginia on the waters of James & York rivers & [indecipherable word] particularly the Battle of James Town, and that he served the whole seven months as orderly Sergeant and that he drew and distributed the rations and provisions for the men of his company & called the rolls both by day and by night. And he remembers that General Matthews was not from Louisa County but went out from someplace over the mountains & he knows that there were militia Companies from Albemarle Rockingham & Culpeper Counties that were with his Company during the last tours of service and he knows the regular troops of General Lafayette and General Wayne were with the Brigade & Regiment of Colonel Mathews & Colonel Campbell & he has perfect recollection of both Campbell and Mathews & that Colonel Campbell was a humane kindhearted man & beloved by his men, where Mathews was a large fine looking man and disliked by his men on account of his tyrannical disposition. He also declares that at the time in 1779 that he served under Captain Mosby that there were other militia Companies from Culpepper Augusta & Albemarle Counties, and that he has no documentary evidence in support of his claim & that he knows of no person who can testify to all of his aforesaid service. He hereby declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State, and hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Dan Bradford, JP

S/ Rodes Thomson

[William Johnson, and Milly Thomson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

William Johnson
e. Kelly Thompson

[f p. 24: Own Me fourth, 1843 in Scott County Kentucky, the veteran supplemented his application by noting that in addition to the reasons given previously for not having made earlier application, that he has been afflicted for the last 11 years with the palsy & rheumatism and confined to his house.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 1/3 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia militia; six months as a private and three months as a Sergeant.]