

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Thompson S31415
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State of Kentucky } This day Col John Thompson a resident of our county a
Mercer county Viz } revolutionary officer came into open court (It being a circuit
court for the county of Mercer and a court of record) and made
oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of Congress
providing for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war. I the s'd John
Thompson being first sworn according law declare I am now in my 76 year of age & that on the
18th day of March 1776 I was appointed a Lieutenant in the 7th company of the 7th Regiment of
the regular forces raised for the protection of Virginia, and I aided in driving Lord Dunmore
from his position on Guinns Island in the state of Virginia [Gwynn Island, 11 Jul 1776] and I
continued in service until the 29th of October 1776 as will more fully appear by my commission
which I herewith send and refer to as a part of my Declaration, when I resigned. The county of
Albemarle in which I resided at the time being divided [in 1777] I was placed in a new county viz
Fluvanna and early in the year 1778 I was appointed adjutant of Col William Henrys Regiment of
the Virginia Militia in the service of the U States and I was employd in the many arduous and
complicated duties of adjutant from the time of my appointment until I was taken Prisoner by
Col Simco's [Lt. Col. John Simco's] Regiment of the British Army in the county of Fluvanna while
out distributing orders to the officers of my regiment on the 7th of June 1781 and after
detaining me some time and carrying me with him about twenty miles I was parolled, having
performed services as adjutant of my Regiment for upward of three years continual service
which was often arduous & difficult until I was taken prisoner as aforesaid after which I was
prevented from doing further duty until Lord Cornwallis was taken Prisoner [19 Oct 1781]. I
farther state that I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the
present and I am not now a Pensioner of the United States or of any State. Witness my hand this
12th day of July 1832. [signed] John Thompson

THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY FOR THE COLONY OF VIRGINIA

To John Thompson Gent

BY Virtue of the Power and Authority to us given, by an Ordinance of the General Convention,
we, reposing especial Trust in your Patriotism, Courage, and good Conduct, do, by these
Presents, appoint you, the said John Thompson to be first Lieutenant of the Seventh Company in
the Seventh Regiment of regular Forces raised for the Defence and Protection of this Colony,
whereof William Dangerfield Esquire, is Colonel. You are therefore to act as Lieutenant of the
said Regiment, by duly exercising the Officers and Soldiers under your Command, taking
particular Care they be provided with Arms and Ammunition, as the Ordinancy and Resolutions
of the Convention direct. And you are to observe all sach Orders and Direction, from Time to
Time, as you shall receive from the Convention, the Committee of Safety, or your superior
Officers, according to the Rules and Regulations established by the General Convention for the
better Government of the regular Forces. [signed] Edm. Pendleton

GIVEN under our Hands, at Williamsburg this 18th }	John Page
Day of March ANNO DOMINI 1776 }	P. Carrington
	Thos. Lud Lee
	W. Cabell
Lieut. Thompson resigned Oct'r. 29 th 1776	Jos. Jou[?]s
And'w. Lewis [?].G.C.	Thomas Walker

This day Col George Thompson [pension application S31418] came into open court and being
first sworn says that I was one of the county committee who nominated the above name John
Thompson a Lieutenant in the regular services of the State of Virginia of the continental line,
and I know that he is the same John Thompson who then was commissioned as Lieutenant
aforesaid whose commission I now have before me. I also know that the aforesaid John

Thompson was the adjutant of Col Wm Henrys Regiment of the Fluvanna Militia of the State of Virginia in the service of the U States and that the s'd Thompson performed the duties of said office in that capacity upwards of three years The duties of which were arduous and difficult when the Thompson was taken Prisoner he was much beaten on his return.
[signed] G. Thompson

Harrodsburgh (Ky) Sept 10th 1832

Dear Sir I have made enquiry of Col John Thompson as to the services of his Regiment of which he was the adjutant. he states that he was six months in actual service out - but he was on constant duty as adjutant during the whole war in collecting marching and drilling the men sent out. If the evidence already sent on will not justify a pension as lieut and as adjutant for at least 12 months - you can enclose his pension Certificate for such time as you may deem just. I render his commission for that purpose and request you to examine the evidence We sent fifty miles for a witness but he was gone....

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that John Thompson received a pension up to the date of his death, 28 June 1833.