

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Thompson S31420

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State of Louisiana Parish of Natchitoches } SS

On this 27th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Parish court, Parish of Natchitoches now sitting, Samuel Thompson a resident of said Parish of Natchitoches and State of Louisiana aged Sixty-Eight years on the 14 day of March 1833 -- 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In 1778 or 1779 he served under Captain Joseph Worford [sic, Joseph Wofford] of South Carolina a tour of 4 or 6 months, a part of which was for his elder brother and a part for himself. The company served under Colonel Thomas [John Thomas, Sr.] also of South Carolina in the district of Ninety Six. He then resided in the said District of Ninety Six in said State of South Carolina. This tour was served under a draft. He marched to Princes' Fort, in the said District, where he was stationed until the British took the City of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. There were no regular officers or soldiers with him at this time to his knowledge. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except Bailey Anderson<sup>1</sup> whose affidavit will be here with submitted.

After the fall of Charlestown the deponent went out to a Fort called "Go [balance of word missing] Fort" and remained there fortified against the Indians -- Tory hunting and Indian scouting, for a year or two. During the time he belonged to Captain Parsons [Major Parson] Company -- Captain Parsons was the commanding officer -- But Colonel Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck] was chosen for our Colonel but whether he was ever commissioned or not, this deponent does not [word missing].

In the year 1779 or 1780 he volunteered under Colonel Roebuck and carried an express from him to General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] to inform him of the advance of Colonel Carlton [sic, Tarleton] to attack him -- He remained with General Morgan until after the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in which battle he was engaged.

He was then sent back to Goings' Fort -- Colonel Roebuck called for men to go and attack the Fort of Tories called "Williams Fort" -- He volunteered & went with Colonel Roebuck and was out to the best of his recollection about 2 weeks. But he was out frequently & almost

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<sup>1</sup> [Bailey Anderson S30826](#)

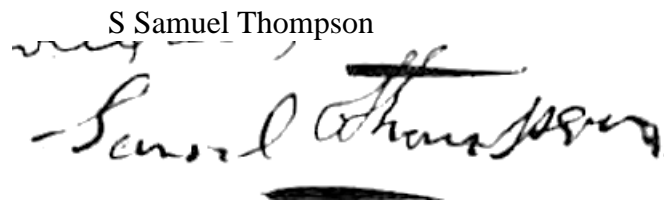
constantly but he cannot recollect the length of time precisely.

From 1778 or 1779 he was constantly engaged in the cause of the revolution, and a great part of the time he was a refugee from his own home, and carried arms against the Enemy. He did nothing else but defend himself & friends against the British -- Tories & Indians.

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 and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Before me

S Samuel Thompson  


S/ F. Williams, JP

[J. B. Blane, a clergyman, and Henry Leavenworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Louisiana Parish of Natchitoches

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace of the parish of Natchitoches, Samuel Thompson who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned in his Declaration hereunto annexed, and in the following grades: -- to wit: -- in the grade of a private soldier and in no other rank or grade and that for more than 2 years during which period he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to & subscribed this 27th day of August 1833 before me

S/ F. Williams, JP

S/ Samuel Thompson

Where and in what year were you born?

Ans-- I was born in North Carolina, in the year 1765.

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

Ans -- I have no record --

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

Ans -- I have lived in South Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri and Louisiana -- the remaining parts of the question are mentioned in my declaration --

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

Ans -- I cannot state more fully than I have done in my declaration.

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.

Ans -- I have already stated as far as I am able in my declaration --

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

Ans -- if I did, I do not know what has become of it.

State of Louisiana Parish of Natchitoches: On this 27th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court before the parish court parish of Natchitoches now sitting, Bailey Anderson a resident of that district of Country situated between the East & West branches of the Sabine [?] in what is now called Texas aged 79 years, who being first duly sworn according to law -- saith that he knew the family of Samuel Thompson in South Carolina; and he has since known the said Thompson for about 40 years. This deponent cannot distinctly recollect him during the revolutionary war but he has, by conversation with him, as to the events of the war, become fully satisfied that he was engaged in the revolutionary war. That he has heard read the declaration of said Samuel Thompson, this day made in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 and that he has good reason to believe and does believe that the said declaration is substantially true & correct. From his acquaintance with said Samuel Thompson, he knows him to be a man who is entitled to full credit and belief.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Bailey Anderson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]