

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shearod (Sherrod, Sherwood) Thompson¹ S32012

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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George Jackson County: Inferior Court Adjourned Term 11th January 1836

Personally came into open Court Sherrod Thompson a citizen of said County aged 79 years who being duly sworn states the following facts for the purpose of availing himself of the benefits of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 being "an Act Supplementary to an Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers & soldiers of the revolution" viz.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man in Pyttsilvania [Pittsylvania] County Virginia in the Spring of the year 17__as well as Deponent recollects in March of that year under Captain John Coleman Lieutenant Jesse Douglass & other subordinate officers not recollected – The Regiment to which he was attached was commanded at the time by Colonel __Scott [possibly Charles Scott] and General Nathaniel Green [Nathanael Greene] was the Commanding Officer of the Division of the Army to which he was attached. They marched from Halifax in Virginia to some point (as deponent thinks on Dan River where Cornwallis was stationed – Cornwallis fled & was pursued by General Green & his Army to Guilford Court House in North Carolina where a bloody action took place between the two armies [March 15, 1781].

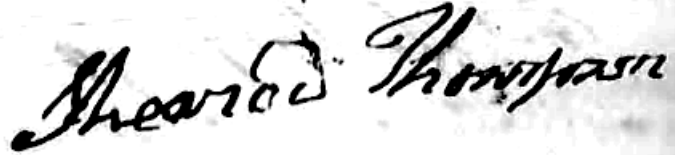
Shortly after the Battle above mentioned General Green's Army was reinforced and they again pursued Cornwallis as far as Cross Creek in North Carolina or near that place where he was discharged together with nearly the whole of the Army to which he belonged. The foregoing service includes two three-month tours, Deponent having voluntarily continued in the service after the expiration of his first Term in the place of his Brother who returned home. That shortly after his discharge above mentioned Deponent again entered the service under Captain Swinford Hill – Subordinate officers not recollected and was under his Command at York Town where General Washington was besieging Cornwallis, they remained at York Town until the surrender of Cornwallis and were again discharged – the last mentioned service continued three months. Deponent then returned to Henry County in Virginia where he resided two or three years. He then removed to York County in the State of South Carolina where he resided twenty-one years – from there he removed to Jackson County in Georgia where he now resides. Deponent was born in the year 1757 in Cumberland County Virginia. He has a record of his age, made as he has been informed & believes by some of the elder members of his family. He knows of no one to whom he can apply to prove his aforesaid services. He set in a claim shortly after the passage of the Act of June seventh 1832 – which was sent back on account of some informality and deponent has since delayed renewing his application in order to obtain evidence of his said service from Virginia – but has failed to get it the witness as he supposes being dead:

¹ See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050173 Not Half Pay Sherod Thompson

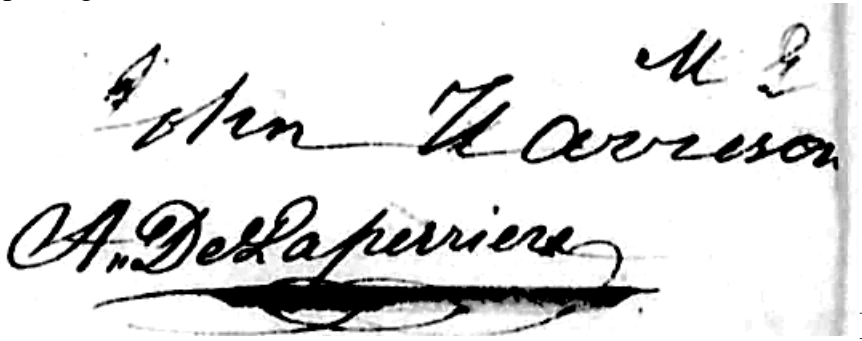
Deponent has never received a pension and hereby relinquishes all claim to any other except the present. He names as persons who are acquainted with his character & standing James Liddell, Horatio Webb, Middleton Witt [?], John Harrison &c.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court 12th of January 1836

S/ Shearod Thompson

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

[John Harrison, a Minister of the Gospel, and Ange De Laperriere [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The first signature is "John Harrison" with "M. E." written above it. The second signature is "Ange De Laperriere" with a decorative flourish underneath. A closing bracket "]" is visible at the bottom right of the signature area.

[f p. 5: Letter dated February 15th 1855 from E. M. Thompson from Jefferson Georgia to S. P. Waldo, Commissioner of Pensions inquiring on behalf of his father William S Thompson. as to the services of his grandfather Sherwood Thompson in the revolutionary war.]

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

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Addendum to Shearod (Sherrod, Sherwood) Thompson S32012
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 22 March 2022.

[The following is from Virginia Half-Pay records on Fold3.com indexed as Thompson, Sherod.]

State of Georgia } SS [5 June 1855]
Thomas County } Know all men by these presents that I Jesse W Thompson of said County, heir at
law of Sherod Thompson deceased who was a Revolutionary Soldier and to whom a Certificate of
Pension was issued bearing date the fifteenth day of February Eighteen hundred and thirty six, do hereby
appoint & constitute Henry H Tooke of Thomasville in the County and State aforesaid my true and lawful
attorney [the rest not transcribed] [signed] J W Thompson