

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Thomson (Thompson) S32551

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State of Alabama Montgomery County} On this 10th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the County Court of said County and State, while sitting for the transaction of Orphans business Benjamin Thompson a resident in the Town of Montgomery County and State aforesaid aged Seventy years who 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 7 1832. -- I was born in the year 1762 in Lancaster District South Carolina -- My age is recorded in a large Bible now in the possession of my son Samuel W. Thompson now living in Williamson County West Tennessee about Seven miles from the Town of Franklin -- I was living in Lancaster District, at the time I entered the Service during the War of the Revolution. I lived for a number of years after the war in Lancaster District South Carolina. After leaving Lancaster District I removed to Williamson County West Tennessee where I lived sixteen years from thence I came to the town of Montgomery where I now reside. The waggon of my Father Alexander Thompson was pressed into the service -- Brother Thomas Thompson drove it for some time -- My brother wrote to my Father to be relieved & I was sent to relieve him. The waggon was attached to the Army of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & was employed in conveying hospital stores -- The Army was driven from Black Swamp into Charleston where I remained two or three weeks and afterwards went to Dorchester -- I was employed as a Waggoner three months. I was taken sick in Dorchester and returned home my Brother taking my place -- I remained at home some time I cannot say how long, I afterwards joined the Army afterwards as a volunteer -- The Regiment I was attached to was commanded by Colonel John Marshall [sic, Lt. Col. John Marshal]. My Brother Thomas Thompson was a Major in the Regiment and George Dunlap Commanded the Company to which I belonged -- The first engagement in which I was concerned was at a place called Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]¹ situated I think in Chester District South Carolina. General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] was commander of the body engaged -- The officers the same as I have mentioned above except Colonel Marshall whose place was supplied by old Major Crawford. I do not recollect the time of this fight, fought at the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780]² under Sumter in the lower part of Lancaster -- Dunlop was Captain, my Brother was a Major & Colonel Marshall or his successor Colonel Kimball [Frederick Kimball] commanded. I was with Sumter at a fight at Black Stock

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

[sic, Blackstock's plantation, November 20, 1780],³ at this place Colonel Henry Hampton commanded our Regiment -- I was at a skirmish that General Marion [Francis Marion] had with the British on the Edisto near a ferry called Parkers ferry [August 31, 1781]⁴ -- I was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]⁵ -- I was attached to the command of General Marion. I was commanded by Captain Dunlap [George Dunlap of the Kershaw District Regiment of militia] we were placed on the right wing. I fought at Camden [Hill April 25, 1781]⁶ in a fight between General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & Lord Rawdon -- I was in the Army about three years & a half -- I never received a discharge but received permission to go home with the rest of the company to which I belonged -- Henry Shaver, Thomas Bartley, John Montgomery & George Vickery⁷ our living in an adjoining County to this (Pike County) with the exception of Shaver who resides in Montgomery and who will testify to my character for veracity and who can testify to my services as a soldier in 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 the Agency of any cat state.

S/ Benjamin Thomson⁸

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid

S/ W. B. Street, Judge of the County Court of Montgomery County

[Seymour B. Sawyer , a clergyman, and gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Montgomery County} Before Me Daniel Urquhart an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County personally appeared Henry Shaver who being duly sworn on oath says -- That he lived in Lancaster District in the State of South Carolina during the War of the Revolution, that he lived within two miles of Benjamin Thompson; and that he distinctly recollects the said Thompson entering the service -- That this deponent served at different times in the same Regiment with the said Thompson; and knows him to have served at different times nearly if not quite three years -- The Regiment in which they both served was commanded by Colonel John Marshall and afterwards by Frederick Kimball, Thomas Thompson the Brother of Benjamin Thompson was a Major in the same Regiment -- after the close of the war we lived in the same neighborhood for many years until Thompson removed to Tennessee.

S/ Henry Shaver, X his mark

State of Alabama Lowndes County} Before me Jacob Champion an Acting Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared George Vickery Senior who being duly sworn on oath says that he lived in Lancaster District in the State of South Carolina during the War of the Revolution, that he lived in three or four miles of said Benjamin Thompson and that he distinctly recollects the said Thompson being in the Service. That this deponent at different times in the same Regiment with the said Thompson and knows him to have served at different times, nearly if not quite for three years in the Regiment in which they both served was commanded by Colonel John Marshall and afterwards by Frederick Kimbrell, Thomas Thompson the Brother of

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_parkers_ferry_2.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

⁷ I could not find applications for federal pensions filed by any men by any of these names who claimed to have served in South Carolina at any time during the war.

⁸ Not the signature of the veteran since this is a certified copy of the court's records.

Benjamin Thompson was a Major in the same Regiment, after the close of the War we lived in the same neighborhood for many years until said Thompson removed to Tennessee,
Sworn to and subscribed before me the 16th of August 1832

S/ Jacob Champion JP

S/ George Vickery, X his mark

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State of Alabama Montgomery County: In open Court July Term 1833 -- Supplemental declaration of Benjamin Thompson made on oath before the Honorable Benajob S. Bibb Judge of the Orphans & County Court for said County = To obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- I cannot recollect the year that I entered the American service = My best impression is that I was not more than fourteen years of age when I was taken sick at Dorchester. I returned home (I remained there I think near three or four months -- I joined the Army in Lancaster district as a volunteer = A short time after I joined the Army it is impossible for me to state how long the fight at Rocky Mount was had = I have endeavored to state with minuteness the service I performed -- I cannot state positively the length of the various tours of service I performed -- I well remember that but very little of the time from the period I entered the service until I left it was passed at home or anywhere else except with the Corps to which I belonged -- I performed the duty of a militia horseman -- My officers I have particularly named in the previous declaration. During all the time that I was in the service I was not engaged in any civil employment or pursuit, but as before stated was barely out of active service -- At the battle of Blackstock my officers were Colonel Henry Hampton a brother of General Wade Hampton who is now living my own brother Major Thompson acted as Major & Lieutenant Kennedy acted as Captain. The British were defeated we killing a large number of them. We had halted to get dinner at the plantation of Blackstocks when the British overtook us = I do not know who commanded them -- I again state that I do not remember the period of this engagement = The battle [of] hanging Rock was fought on a Sunday & it appears to me a very short time after the battle at Rocky Mount -- The British were defeated & a Regiment of Tories commanded by old Colonel Bryant nearly destroyed -- I state that it was some time after the battle at Eutaw Springs that our company was disbanded I never acted while I was a soldier in any other grade but that of a private = I was never drafted but joined the Army as a volunteer -- I have stated with as much particularity in this & in the declaration as possible all the facts that I can now remember -- I have never received a pension & relinquish all claim to any but the present

Answers to Interrogatories⁹

1st I was born in Lancaster district South Carolina in 1762 --

⁹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

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.

2nd There is a record of my age made by my parents in a Bible now in the possession of my son Samuel W. Thompson who lives near Franklin Williamson County West Tennessee --
3rd -- I was living in Lancaster district and the time of the Revolutionary war -- I removed from thence some years after the war to Williamson County Tennessee & from thence to this place --
4th I was a volunteer in the troops of Sumter
5th The first officers that I had after joining the Army were Colonel John Marshall Major Thomas Thompson -- Captain Dunlap -- Lieutenant Kennedy -- General Sumter being commander in chief -- I was at different times placed under the command of other officers but for a very short time = for instance Colonel Hampton had the command at Blackstock's of our Regiment -- and I was under the command of Major Crawford at Rocky Mount -- at Eutaw Springs I was with Marion -- I performed the duty of a militia horseman in the Regiment above described -- My first battle was fought at Rocky Mount = My second at the Hanging Rock -- I fought at Blackstock's -- had a slight skirmish at Parkers ferry on the Edisto = the last & most severely fought battle was at the Eutaw Springs about 70 miles from Charleston. Our service was generally made in the hill country of South Carolina principally in Lancaster district --
6th Henry Shaver, Thomas Bartley, John Montgomery & George Vickery are now living who served with me. They do not live in this immediate neighborhood but within a circuit of sixty or seventy miles. I was at much trouble in procuring the affidavits of two of them by order of the court =

In open court personally came Benjamin Thompson who made oath that the above statements & declaration is just & true.

July 15 1833 sworn & subscribed before me

S/ Benjamin Thomson



S/ Benajah S. Bibb, JCCMC

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

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹⁰ relating to Benjamin Thomson (Thompson) pp4
Audited Account No. 7760

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No. 14

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July 29 [illegible]

Benjamin Thomson for 40 days duty as Private and 45 days duty as Sergeant in the Militia the Whole on Horseback from 7 June 1780 to 21st Sep. 1781

Charged

£12.2.10 ¼ Stg [Sterling]

¹⁰ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.



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Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina to Benjamin Thomson Debt.

1780 from ye 7 th of June to ye 17 th of August	To 40 Days Duty Done in Calvary with Captain George Dunlap, under Brigadier General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], 20S [20 shillings old SC currency] per day Certified by me S/ Geo. Dunlap, Capt. 	£ 40	S 00	d 0
1781 from ye the 9 th of August to ye 21 st of Sept.	To 42 Days Duty as Sergeant in the Cavalry with Captain George Dunlap under General Marion [Francis Marion] £1.2.6 per day Certified by me S/ Geo. Dunlap, Capt. 	45	00	0
	So. Curancy [sic]	85	0	0
	serling [sic]	12	2	10 ½

State of South Carolina

Camden District} Personally appeared Benjamin Thomson and Made oath that the Above account is Just and true, and that he has not Received any part of pay or satisfaction for the same sworn this 20th day of May 1784

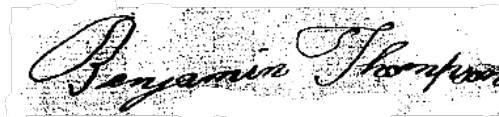
Before me S/ Robt. Montgomery, JP

Waxhaw 18th June 1785

Gentlemen/ Please to Deliver Mr. William Hicklin such Indent or Indents as may Appear to be Due to me from the State of South Carolina or from the United States and his Receipt shall be your Sufficient Discharge for the same.

From your Humble Servant

S/ Benjamin Thompson



To the Commissioners of the publick
Treasury of South Carolina

Acknowledged the date above

before me S/ Andrew Foster, JP

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May ye 31 1784

I Do a Sign [assigned] all my wright [right] of the with in menshened [mentioned] a Count

[account] to William Hicklin
I Say Signed by me

S/ Benjamin Thomson

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Thomson". The signature is written in black ink on a light background.