

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lawrence Thompson S32554

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State of Indiana, Clay County SS } Clay Circuit Court October Term 1833

On this 29 day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Judges of the Clay Circuit Court Lawrence Thompson a resident of the County of Clay and State of Indiana, aged 78 years in November next, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following amended declaration,¹ in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the Army of the United States in the year 1777 and served in the first Regiment of the North Carolina line, under the following named officers:

The Captain's name was Alfred Moore, Lieutenant Lawrence Thompson, Ensign's name is entirely forgotten this applicant Sergeant, Colonel who commanded was by the name of Moore [Colonel James Moore], given name not now recollected he was the Father of Captain Alfred Moore aforesaid, that applicant was a resident of Rowan County in the State of North Carolina, that he enlisted in Hillsboro in Orange County in the State last aforesaid, that he took the bounty of the Captain for a six months tour, that shortly after he was enlisted as aforesaid, the company was marched down the Yadkin River to the narrows thence down the Pedee [River] thence to Brunswick where they were fortified, that when they entered the fort two men of war and three frigates of the British was laying hard by, that for some time they fired their cannon at the fort, on one occasion they came so near as that we fired our muskets at them when they drew off, they remained here for some time and then went off, that some time after this, a man by the name of McCloud a British officer went out across the stream called the Widow Moore's Creek, and raised a band of Tories and aiming to cross said Creek as this applicant believes from the information he then received and was intercepted by a company of Americans and McCloud killed [Donald McLeod, Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776] with a number of his men that the regulars from the fort aforesaid was marched to reinforce the Americans and before the battle was over this applicant and company was within hearing of the small arms, that he continued in the company aforesaid as such 1st Sergeant for six months the term of enlistment and was discharged at Brunswick in December in the year 1777 where he received a written discharge from his Colonel Moore aforesaid, which discharge was since burnt with his house, that he has no documentary evidence of his age his account is traditionary one from his parents, that the name of the officer who commanded at the time above spoken of when McCloud was killed was Governor Tryon [sic, Governor Richard Caswell], applicant was born in Dunmore County in Virginia in 1755 [could be "1758" or "1753"] from thence he moved to Rowan County in the State of North Carolina from thence to Kentucky thence to Harrison County Iowa thence

¹ This is the only declaration contained in this file. There is no earlier application in the file.

to Clay County Indiana his present residence, he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no one by whom he can prove the same. George Rizley and George Zenor two of his old neighbors can testify to his being in man of truth and veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State in the Union. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Lawrence Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence Thompson". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name being larger and more prominent than the last name.

[George Zenor and John Rizley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 16 days in the North Carolina militia.]