

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Thompson S37486

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State of Kentucky Sct.

This day Robert Thomson [sic] personally appeared before me one of the Circuit Judges of the Commonwealth aforesaid, and made oath that he entered into the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in its commencement. He enlisted in Captain Jonathan Caldwell's company for the period of five years, in the State of Delaware, that he served out the 5 years as a regular soldier and was honorably discharged at the end of his time at Dover in the State of Delaware.

That he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Long Island [August 27, 1776] and that he now produces all the evidence in his power of his said services. That he is 69 years of age, and infirm and in such reduced circumstances that he needs the assistance of his government. That he has always been a citizen of the United States and now lives in Scott County in the State of Kentucky, witness my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1818.

S/ Benjamin Johnson, Circuit Judge

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Kentucky Sct.

Before me the subscriber one of the judges of the General Court and a Circuit Judge for the State aforesaid, this day appeared Robert Thompson whose declaration is hereto annexed (as taken before my predecessor the late Honorable Benjamin Johnson) and being duly sworn did further declare and say that his enlistment took place a short time previous to the battle of Long Island (August 1776) in which he was a soldier; That there was to the knowledge of the deponent but one Regiment of the Delaware line at that time – and that the Regiment was commanded by Colonel John Rhodes, Lieutenant Colonel not recollected, Major Vaughan – After Rhodes, the following officers or colonels commanded, to wit, Colonel Parke – and Colonel Bull, and his service was five years. That he is extremely poor and indigent and unable to labor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 August 1819

S/ Benjamin Mills

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Office of Secretary of State of Delaware  
Dover 21 June 1820

There is in this office "a Muster Roll of Captain Jonathan Caldwell's Company and Delaware Regiment of Continental Troops commanded by Colonel John Haslett and in the service of the United Colonies in Barracks at Dover the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1776", from which it appears that a person of the name of Robert Thompson enlisted into the said company on the 27 January 1776 and that he acted at the date of the said muster roll as a musician in the said company, his name being placed under the head "Drum & Fife" – except the said muster roll there is not in this office any other pay or muster of Captain Jonathan Caldwell's Company – At the date of the said muster roll John Patten acted as the first Lieutenant of the said company: and in this office pay roll of Captain John Patten's [John Patton's] company in the Delaware Regiment of Foot in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel David Hall – (who succeeded Colonel Haslett) from May 1777 to March 1780, from which it appears that a person of the name of Robert Thompson acted as a drummer in the said last mentioned company from the first of May 1777 until and during the month of August 1778, his name being mentioned as drummer in the said pay roll from May 1777 inclusive till August 1778 inclusive: his name is not mentioned in any of the pay rolls of the said company subsequent to this one for August 1778 and it does not appear in what manner he left the said company.

It also appears from a Muster roll of the Delaware Regiment taken at Hillsboro North Carolina in September 1780 (of which a copy was lately transmitted to the U S War Department) that a man of the name of Robert Thompson belonged to the said Regiment and was one of the drummers thereof at the date of the said muster roll and that he was then " Commd D. State" – Certified for the U S War Department

S/ H. M. Ridgely

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#### Schedule

District of Kentucky SS

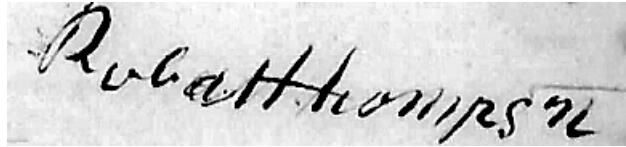
On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for the County of Scott and State of Kentucky Robert Thomson [sic] aged 72 years resident in the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; in the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Caldwell in the first Delaware Regiment in the Delaware line Agreeably to an original Declaration dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 1818 and Pension certificate No. 7572.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz.

Eleven small hogs worth \$16.50, one debt due me from John and A. Hammons amounting to Eighteen Dollars – Total amount thirty-four Dollars fifty cents and I am by profession a Farmer, but unable except in very small degree to pursue it, and with myself I have nine in family viz.

Seely Thomson aged 53, not able to do much labor, Nelly Maxwell a widow aged 31

years and four children not able to support themselves, Nancy Thomson aged 18 and Bartholomew Thomson aged 19 years both of whom are able to support themselves  
S/ Robert Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Facts in file: It is noted that the veteran died July 9, 1826; except as set forth in his schedule, there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 25, 1818, for service as a musician for 5 years in the Delaware Continental Regiment.]