

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Thompson S3798

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State of Tennessee, __ [blank in original probably Blount] County

On this 8th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me Edward Scott one of the Circuit Judges of law and Equity in and for the State of Tennessee and for the second Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court now sitting in and for the said County Samuel Thompson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-Eight years 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. He lived in Augusta County Virginia in the summer of 1774 he was drafted under Captain Samuel McDowell in Colonel Charles Lewis's Regiment as a private, marched to Point Pleasant in Virginia at the Junction of the Kanawha and Ohio rivers against the Shawnee Indians had a battle¹ there which continued all day we conquered the Indians Colonel Andrew Lewis was the Commander in that battle. Marched across the Ohio River through the Indian Country into the head waters of the Srata [sic, Scioto] River there a peace was made with the Indians Governor Dunmore honorably but verbally discharged served four months.

Again he lived at the same place in the year 1776 about the last of May as he believes he volunteered under Captain John Lisle to go against the Cherokee Indians we had no Colonel. Marched to the bug Island [sic, Big Island?] on the Holston River calling at the different stations on the way stayed there to guard the frontiers till about the first of October we were then put under Captain William McCuchin and Colonel William Christian who was commander and chief marched to the big island on Tennessee [River] we continued there waiting for the Indians to come and make peace there was no peace concluded at that time we were then honorably but verbally discharged he served in the last four seven months.

Again still lived at the same place about the first of July in the year 1778 was drafted under Captain Samuel McCuchin in Colonel William Boyer's Regiment he went as an orderly Sergeant marched to Fort McIntosh was there appointed Sergeant Major and acted as such on the Ohio River then to the head of the Muskinggam [sic, Muskingum] River built a fort which we were called Fort Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens] and marched to Stanton Virginia was there honorably but verbally discharged and served six months.

Again he removed to Sullivan County North Carolina but now Tennessee he was drafted under Captain Robert Kyle in the Cavalry, marched to the Hickory Cove against the Cherokee Indians Reconnoitered the Country after them for one month was honorably but verbally discharged.

Again when living at the place last aforesaid about the 1st of July 1781 Volunteered under

1 October 14, 1774

Captain Thomas Wallace in Col. Isaac Shelby's Regiment of Cavalry marched to Greene's camp to the high hills of Santee there ordered by General Greene to join General Marion [Francis Marion] at the Santee Swamp marched from thence [to] a garrison called Callington's Buildings [Colleton Buildings]² the British surrendered to us we then took about eighty prisoners then back to Santee Swamp to Marion's camp he then got his arm distended [?]³ and was unable to perform duty he was then honorably but verbally discharged served three months he has been a cripple in said arm ever since.

Then removed to South side of French Broad [River] and little Pigeon [River] in what is now Sevier County Tennessee in the year 1785 and the Cherokee Indians became hostile the people were under the necessity of forting and he fortified at Wallace's fort on little Pigeon remained fortified and fighting the Indians about a year. Then removed to what is now Blount County Tennessee there had to fort remained fortified and fighting the Indians for about two years he served as above stated in the militia and Cavalry in the State [?] 22 months and in the different [tours] against the Indians three years he may be mistaken as to dates but believes he is not as to length of time he served. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court August 8th, 1832

S/ Samuel Thompson, X his mark

S/ Daniel D. Foute, Clk

[Isaac Anderson, a clergyman, and Col. John Lowrey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Sergeant & private in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]

² C. Leon Harris notes: *I have been working with Jack Parker to help someone figure out an action mentioned in his ancestor's pension application (Redden McCoy <http://revwarapps.org/s7198.pdf>). The unknown action resulted in the taking of 80 prisoners, and when Jack Parker searched for other pension applications where 80 prisoners were taken, he came across Samuel Thompson's <http://revwarapps.org/s3798.pdf>, where 80 prisoners were said to have been taken at "a garrison called Callington's Buildings." It took me awhile to figure out that "Callington" should be "Colleton," and his building was the hospital at Colleton's Fairlawn Plantation, where Patrick O'Kelley says 80 prisoners were taken. J. D. Lewis also refers to "Callington's Building" in his description of that action https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_moncks_corner_4.html, and I have emailed him suggesting that he change it to "Colleton." To avoid further confusion maybe you would also want to add a note that Thompson was evidently referring to the raid by Maham and Shelby on Fairlawn. This is likely to become more important, since Fairlawn Plantation and the intact redoubt nearby are going to be developed into a major historical park.*