

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burwell Thompson S3801

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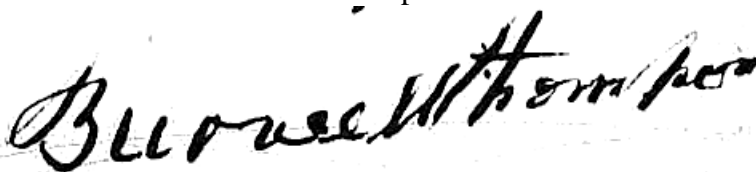
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State of Tennessee Franklin County

On the 27th day of Nov. 1832, personally appeared before the worshipful the County Court of the County and State aforesaid, Burwell Thompson a resident of said County & State, aged Seventy three 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 provisions, made by the Act of Congress of June the 7th 1832—That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers & served as herein Stated—His brother William Thompson, was drafted in Granville County, North Carolina for a Six Months term of duty in the year 1776—this applicant substituted himself in his place, as a private in Capt. Parsons company of N. Carolina militia in the Regiment commanded by Col. William Moore, Genl. Thos. Parsons [Thomas Parsons] commanded in Brigade. We marched out to the head of Catawba River against the Indians—we were regularly discharged—In the year 1777 my father removed to Spartanburg County, South Carolina—in the Spring of 1778, I was sent by my father to Charleston with a wagon & Team & a load of produce for market—while I was in Charleston, the wagon & team was impressed for the public service. I volunteered & continued in the service nine months, during which tour, I was employed with the wagon for the transportation of Baggage to Purrysburg in South Carolina—I was regularly discharged & returned home—Immediately after he returned home in the same year, he volunteered under Capt. William Neale for four months. Col. Williams [James Williams] of 96 commanded the Regiment—we marched to the Cherokee Country, where we had a Battle with the Indians, killed several & took 30 or 40 prisoners—our company took 8 or 9 scalps—this battle was fought on the head of a Creek or River then called Cherokee—we destroyed several Indian Towns & the growing crops—We then returned home & were discharged. He again volunteered in 1780 and marched under he thinks Capt. Roebuck in the Regiment commanded by Col. Williams. He was in the battle of Kings Mountain, in the 14th of October 1780 [sic, October 7, 1780] --& afterwards in the battles of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] & Guilford [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781]. Previous to the battle of Cowpens, he united himself to the light Horse commanded by Col. Washington [William Washington]. At Guilford he was in the Brigade commanded by Genl. Pickens [Andrew Pickens]—he does not recollect the other officers. Col. Williams was killed at the battle of Kings Mountain. After the battle of Guilford, the Detachment to which he belonged marched to a Mill on Deep River [Ramsey's Mill]. We were here discharged & returned home, after being in service from the time he first marched out under Capt. Roebuck. He afterwards volunteered for another term, went again into service under Capt. White, the other officers' names not recollected

except Genl. Pickens. He was in the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. During part of the time he was in service he was under the command of Col. Wade Hampton. In fact, it is difficult to recollect from the partisan character of the war, the various officers by whom he was at different times commanded. He surely believes that he was in service altogether during the Revolutionary War at least seven years. He has no documentary evidence in his possession or power to prove his services. He can prove the same in part however by his brother Stephen¹ who is a few years younger than himself. He was born on the 4th day of April 1759, in the County of Granville & State of North Carolina according to his father's record, now in his possession. He removed from Granville NC to Spartanburg County, South Carolina in the winter of 1777-8. He continued to reside at the last mentioned place until the year 1795, when he removed to Madison County, Kentucky, where he resided until the year 1808 or there about, when he removed to Franklin Tennessee where he now resides.

S/ Burwell Thompson

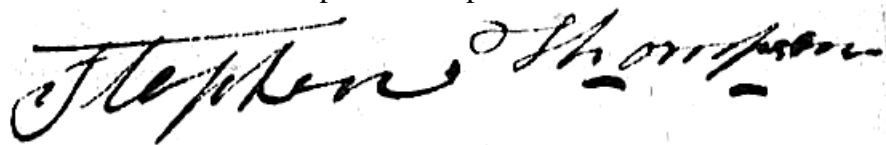


Sworn to & Subscribed
the day & year aforesaid
S/ E. Rupell, Clerk
by S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

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Stephen Thompson, aged about 66 years & brother to the applicant, states that he has a perfect & distinct recollection that his brother Burwell Thompson, who made the foregoing declaration was generally in the service of the United States as a Soldier, during the War of the Revolution. This Deponent was on the battle ground at Kings Mountain the day after the battle, & saw his brother there.

S/ Stephen Thompson



Sworn to in open court
September the 4th 1832
S/ E. Rupell, Clerk
by S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declare that his name [is not] on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Burwell Thompson

Sworn to in open court
November 27th, 1832.

¹ [Stephen Thompson S1595](#)

S/ E Rupell, Clerk
by S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.
[William Gibson, a clergyman, and Daniel Orear [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Franklin County

On the 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared before the worshipful the County Court of the County & State aforesaid Burwell Thompson, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 73 years & upwards, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following amendment, or addition to his Original declaration made in the Worshipful Court on the 27th day of November 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress of June the 7th 1832 --

The first tour of duty he served as a substitute for his brother William Thomson, as stated in his Original declaration was 6 months.

The 2nd tour he served as a private or Waggoner was 9 months.

The 3rd tour of duty he served also as a private in Captain William Neale's company as stated in his Original declaration, 4 months --

The 4th tour of duty stated in his original declaration, in which he volunteered as a private in Captain Roebuck's company, Williams Regiment in which he was in the battles of the Cowpens, Guilford & Kings Mountain; he cannot from loss of papers, defect of memory &c state with precision the length of time he was in service, but does hereby believe it was at least one year --

The 5th term in which he states in his original declaration, he served as a private in Captain White's Company, he served at least 7 months. In fact he was almost constantly from the Commencement to the close of the War, in service; but for the reasons stated in his Original declaration, he cannot be more explicit. He claims a full pension as a private; having served as he solemnly declares, much more than 2 years.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 3rd June 1833
S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Burwell Thompson

By S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

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