

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Thompson S3803

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State of Tennessee, Davidson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County July Sessions 1833

On this 20th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions (now sitting) Thomas Thompson a resident of said County & State, in the 74th year of his age, 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 7th 1832.

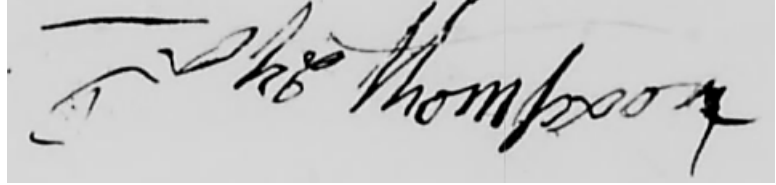
I was born October 2, 1759 in Guilford County North Carolina, where I resided till I was 19 years of age – I have no record of my age at home – I resided there, until about October 1779, when I emigrated to Kentucky where I resided but a short time, from thence moved in a few weeks to the place where Nashville now stands, in the County & State aforesaid – in a few miles of which place, I have resided ever since – about the year 1780, last of June or first of July, in Kentucky where I went for that purpose, I volunteered myself in a company commanded by Captain Dogerty, attached to the Army under the command of General Clarke [George Rogers Clark] in an expedition against the British & Indians. -- in that army I knew General Clarke Commander in chief – Colonel Ben Logan [Benjamin Logan], Commander of the right, Colonel Harrod [sic, probably Capt. William Harrod] the left, & Colonel Todd of the center – the Army was divided into three lines, not regiments, Indian file – as they were intended to operate principally against the Indians – We rendezvoused at the blue licks [Blue Licks] Kentucky-- Under these officers we were marched across the Ohio [River] at the place where Cincinnati now stands to the Picawee [sic, Pekowee or Pekowi or Piqua] towns in the State of Ohio where we were met by & had an engagement with the Indians, in which battle we were victorious – this battle was fought on the 10th August 1780 [Battle of Piqua or Battle of Little Miami River, August 8, 1780] & our Army sustained a loss of 27 killed, wounded not recollected – after that battle we returned immediately to Kentucky, where we were discharged, as soon as we arrived, having served three months – This was my first tour. --about the last of November or first of December 1780 I volunteered in Guilford County North Carolina in Captain Daniel Gillespie's Company of horse, not attached to the Army, intended to operate against the Tories. From Guilford County, we marched through the Counties of Randolph, Chatham & Anson, dispersing the Tories where we found them – in this business, we were occupied three months and then our period of service having expired, we were discharged about the first of March 1781 in Guilford County, North Carolina, I was employed by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] to carry expresses & in whilst engaged in this business I was taken prisoner by a party of the troops of Lord Cornwallis, & remained a prisoner, until a general exchange of prisoners took place, I believe the 19th of October 1781.

In relation to my character & services in the Revolutionary War I would [refer] to Captain John Rains, Gilbert G. Washington, Robert Woods, Andrew Capelman, Will Ewing-- & many others too tedious to mention.

I have no documentary evidence.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Thos. Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thos Thompson', written in a cursive style on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court July 20, 1833. Test S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk of Davidson County Court

[James Whitsitt, a clergyman, and Robert Weakley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Davidson County

Sampson Williams being 69 years of age, states that he came to this country in 1779 in company with Thomas Thompson, the above applicant for a pension. In 1780 the said Thompson set out from Clark's Station in what is now the State of Kentucky on an expedition against the Shawnee Indians who were together with a British force had recently taken a great many prisoners and done much mischief besides. General Clarke commanded the expedition against the Indians as this we are always understood. The expedition set out in the month of July 1780. This deponent afterwards saw a letter setting forth the number of our citizens who were killed in a battle with the Indians, at or near the Pickaway Towns.

This deponent further states that he knows that the said Thompson was absent from this country from the time when he went against the Northern Indians in 1780 until the fall of 1783, when he returned and this deponent has often from that time to the present heard the said Thompson make the same statement about his services in North Carolina against the British which he now makes & this deponent from a long and intimate personal acquaintance with the said Thompson has the fullest confidence in the truth of those statements.

S/ Sampson Williams

Sworn to & subscribed to before me 12th of September 1832.

S/ Stephen Cantrell, JP

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State of Lee, Bedford County

This day Hugh McCrory¹ [Hugh McCrary] aged 75 years last May personally appeared before me Robert H. Majors an acting Justice of the Peace for Bedford County and made oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Thompson who is now a resident of Davidson County and State aforesaid – and I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with said Thompson before the Revolutionary War and he was a man of good standing and a Patriot Spirit. I was with said Thomas Thompson in the Revolutionary War and both he and myself were taken prisoners by the British in Guilford County North Carolina.

Given from under my hand and seal this 22nd of September 1832.

S/ Robert H. Majors, JP

1 [Hugh McCrary \(McCrory\) S46254](#)

S/ Hugh McCrory, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 3 months in the cavalry and 3 months in the Infantry in the Virginia and North Carolina militia.]