

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Thompson S38441

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Court October Term 1822. On the seventh day of October 1822 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Lawrence and State aforesaid Robert Thompson [aged] about sixty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by an act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and an act of the first of May 1820 that he the said Robert Thompson enlisted during the war in the summer before the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] about the first of puling [pulling?] of Fodder and making cider which from the date of said Battle would make his enlistment in the month of August in the year 1777 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Thomas Overton Captain in the Ninth Virginia Regiment Commanded by some officer unknown for the Regiment was Broke before he joined it that he marched under the said Overton to Valley Forge and was transferred [to] Curtis Kandle's [Capt. Curtis Kendall's] company formed out of the ruins of the 9th Regiment and attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Ball and Major Rusel [Andrew Russell?] of the Continental establishment that he respectively served under General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], Gates [Horatio Gates] and Green [Nathanael Greene] and continued to serve until discharged at Richmond in Virginia the summer after peace was made but he gave his discharge for a certificate in duncomb's [?] office¹ in Richmond and has disposed of it said certificate long since and is not able to keep a date that he served as nigh as he can recollect seven years in the revolutionary War that he was in several Battles to which, in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Powlers Hook [probably Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779], Charlestown [surrendered May 12, 1780] where he was taken prisoner, Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781, the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], Camba River² [?], Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] and Cawbaw³ [or Cambam ?] besides several other small engagements that he made an application for a Pension under the act of 1818 and the 2nd day of May 1819 at the Circuit Court for Willson Tennessee before the honorable Judge Isaacs from which he has never

1 *duncomb's office*

2 *Camba River*

3 *Cambaw*

since heard nor received any answer and had the Testimony of Henry Sims [?] transmitted with it and that he has at this time no other testimony Except his own oath that his family consists of myself aged as aforesaid by occupation a Farmer but am now infirm and have lost part of my hand by the cut of a Butcher Knife received in the Army and of myself only and in pursuance of an act the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

S/ Robert Thompson, X his mark

Schedule – four cows and calves two-year-old heifer two Young steers one very old and the other two years old and one pot I am not a householder and have no debts coming to me nor do I owe any.

S/ Robert Thompson, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the seventh day of October 1822.

S/ H. H. Buchanan, Clerk

[f pp 12-13: appears to be another application, this one dated February 2, 1834, filed in Franklin County Alabama by Robert Thompson; the text appears to be identical to the previous application but the handwriting is so challenging that it is impossible to say for sure. Why it was necessary for the applicant filed yet another application is not clear.]

[f p. 8: On May 6, 1842 in Franklin County Alabama, Theophilus Skinner gave testimony that he is 62 years old; that he was well acquainted with Robert Thompson a soldier of the revolution and a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for the space of 12 years before his death; that he, the affiant, served as the agent for Robert Thompson in collecting the pension due him; and after the death of Robert Thompson the affiant continued his acquaintance with Woddey Thompson [sic, Waddy Thompson?] the brother of Robert Thompson until the death of said Woddey; that Robert Thompson died without being survived by a wife or any children to the best of the affiant's knowledge; and that the affiant is of the opinion that the heirs of Woddey Thompson are the heirs of Robert Thompson.]

[f p. 9: On May 6, 1842 in Franklin County Alabama, Mary Thompson, formerly Mary Mattock, gave testimony that she is near 69 years of age; was born in Virginia the daughter of John Mattock; moved to South Carolina, Greenville district where she was brought up; that she first married Garrett Rutledge in Greenville district South Carolina in 1791; that Garrett Rutledge died in 1795; that she then married Woddey Thompson in Greenville County South Carolina; that she gave birth to the following children first a daughter named Delishe born October 21, 1795; John Thompson born February 26, 1797; Robert Thompson born September 5th 1798; Nancy Thompson born and died when a child; Henry Thompson born July 11th 1801; Waddey Thompson born August 4th, 1803, David Thompson born March 9th 1806, Susannah Thompson born April 30th 1808, Nathaniel Thompson born in died at six months old; Mary Thompson born 17th July 1812, William Thompson born July 22nd 1816; that her husband Woddey Thompson

died April 14, 1837; that she was well acquainted with her husband's brother Robert Thompson before her marriage to her husband. She signed her affidavit with her mark]

[f p. 15: On May 23, 1842 in Franklin County Alabama, Robert Thompson Junior made oath that he is the administrator of Woddey Thompson's estate and also the administrator (de bones none) of Robert Thompson the identical person who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of eight dollars per month; that the pensioner died June 29, 1831. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing February 2nd, 1824, for service as a private for four years to the end of the Revolutionary war in the Virginia Continental line.]