

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

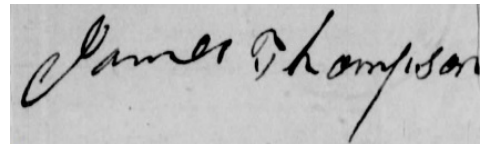
Pension Application of James Thompson S40563
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The State of Ohio

Personally appeared before the Subscriber judge of the Supreme Court James Thompson of Scioto County near Portsmouth in the State aforesaid who being duly sworn states in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he enlisted as a private soldier in the revolutionary army Pennsylvania line state Regiment, under the command of Col. Walter Stuart [sic: Walter Stewart], and in the company commanded by Captain [John] Pugh – that he remained in the said company and regiment, and was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777], shortly after he was and the company to which he was attached, were transfered to the thirteenth Regiment of troops, under the Continental establishment. that his term of enlistment was for three years or during the war. That he continued to serve in the last mentioned regiment, and was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], shortly after which, he was transfered to the second regiment, and to the company commanded by Captain Bankston [sic: John Bankson, pension application W25210] – that he continued in the aforesaid regiment until the fifteenth day of January seventeen hundred and eighty one, when he was discharged at Trenton by Gen. [Anthony] Wayne – that during the whole of the above time, he was almost constantly engaged in active and arduous service – that he was at the taking of Stony point [16 Jul 1779] – in the battle of Springfield [23 Jun 1780], and in other battles and numerous skirmishes. About six months after the above discharge the deponent states that he turned out for an eighteen months tour of duty in the Pennsylvania line on Continental establishment, and was received by Col. [Richard] Butler, to whom he delivered his discharge received at Trenton, as above stated. The he was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. [Thomas] Craig in the above line, it being the third regiment. That he continued in active service in the above line from the commencement as above stated and was at the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. Shortly after this he was ordered with the regiment under Gen. [Arthur] St Clair to join Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina. The regiment joined Gen Green near Charlestown. This deponent continued there until a short time before the expiration of his tour when he was ordered with others to Lancaster Pennsylvania where he was discharged by Col. [Richard] Humpton. This last discharge the deponent placed in the hands of a Mr Samuel Nicholson to collect his pay – sometime afterwards this deponent was inform that Mr Nicholson was dead; and this deponent has never been able to get his discharge, or pay for any part of his last term. The discharge first delivered to Col Butler, has never been seen by this deponent since. This deponent is now sixty one years of age, was born in the City of New York – was engaged in the whole of the Indian War, under Gen. Wayne and was engaged in the service during the whole of the late war [of 1812]; was taken prisoner, went to Hallifax [sic: Halifax, Nova Scotia], and detained there in confinement until the peace. The deponent states, that he lives in poverty, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country – that Country, in whose service, his youth, his riper years, and his old age, have been devoted.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 25th Ap'1 1818

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Thompson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

State of Ohio, Scioto County Ss.

On this seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and Twenty, Personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Common Pleas and a Court of Record, by the laws of the State Held in and for the County of Scioto and State of Ohio, at the Court House in the Town of Portsmouth; James Thompson aged Sixty three years, resident in Vernon Town Ship, Scioto County and state of Ohio, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath declare that he

served in the Revolutionary war as follows He was enlisted under the Command of Captain John Pugh in the State Regiment of Pennsylvania, some time in the month of April in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and seventy seven, to serve for three years or during the war at his election and continued to serve until about the fifteenth day of January in the year One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty one when he was discharged by General Anthony Wayne at Trenton in New Jersey. He served under Colo. Walter Stewart of the state Regiment which afterwards became the second Regiment of the Pennsylvania line, on the Continental establishment then commanded by said Colo. Stewart, and then under Captain Samuel Talbot, having served under Captain Spears, and some others not remembered, after being discharged by General Wayne I entered the service again in July of that year for Eighteen months, and served under Colo. Craig of the Third Battallion in the Pennsylvania line in the Company commanded by Captain Jackson and served until the 15 January 1783 when I received my discharge at Lancaster Pennsylvania from General Humpton of the Pennsylvania line. I was in the Battles of Brandywine, white Horse [White Horse Tavern 3 mi W of Malvern PA, 16 Sep 1777] Germantown Munmuth, springfield, Stoney point, and at the taking of Cornwallis, I served in the war against the Indians in 1794, was in the Battle of the Miama [sic: Miami] Rapids of the Lake [20 Aug 1794], and served in the late war against England, was in the Battle of Chippewa [sic: Battle of Chippawa, 5 Jul 1814], and Bridgewater [Battle of Lundy's Lane, 25 Jul 1814] on the Nigary [sic: Niagara] Frontier, was taken Prisoner at the Battle of Bridgewater, and Carried to Hallifax, and there kept till the end of the war, when I was discharged at Salem in Massachusits on the 23rd April 1815

And the date of deponents Original declaration according to the best of his recollection was on or about the twenty fifth day of April in the year 1818 and the number of his Pension Certificate 3824 And 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

I have Sixty seven Acres of third rate land, not worth more than on Dollar and Twenty five Cents pr acre. Personally property I have as follows,

One Ten Gallon Kettle worth five Dollars	Six Pewter plates worth Three dollars
one four Gallon Pot worth Two Dollars	Six Earthen plates worth one Dollars
one small Dutch oven worth Three dollars	half dozen knives & forks worth two dollars
one axe worth Three Dollars	one fifty dollar Continental Bill worth nothing as no
one grubbing hoe worth Two Dollars	body will give me anything for it.
one weeding hoe worth one dollar }	
and twenty five Cents }	

I owe William Russel Thirty dollars, and James Miller about Thirty six dollars and fifty Cents.

James Thompson

my family consists of my wife and my self – she is about sixty years of age
my occupation is that of a farmer, but am not able to work much, and am in such indigent circumstances
as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country.

James Thompson