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Pension Application of John Thompson S41238

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 11 May 2015.

[No date] The Declaration of John Thompson of Charlotte County State of Virginia –

In 1775. I enlisted in a volunteer company under the command of Doctor Thomas Walker of Albemarle. In 1776. his company was divided, I fell to Capt. Henry Garrell's Company of minute men. In 1777 I enlisted with Capt. Moses Hawkins for three years in Colo. [Charles] Lewis or 14th Va. Regiment. Hawkins fell at GermanTown [4 Oct 1777] and Lewis left the Army. In 1778. Capt. John Overton took command of the Company and William Davis [sic: William Davies] the Regiment. In 1779. I was attached to the Infantry Capt. Claibourne Lawson's Company Colo. Phebieger's [sic: Christian Febiger's] Regiment, under Gen'l. Wane [sic: Anthony Wayne] and ended campaign about Christmas – about this time the 14th Regiment was annexed to the first – I fell to Capt. Augustus Kendall's [sic: Custis Kendall's] Company Col Russels [sic: William Russell's] Regiment and began our march to the south, on this march Kendall was appointed aid de camp to Gen'l [William] Woodford and Capt. Minnis appointed to the command of the company but did not join before I was discharged April 1st 1780. [see endnote]

Virginia At a superior court of law continued and held for Charlotte County at the Court House on Tuesday the fifteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and in the forty third year of the Commonwealth

Present the Hble Fleming Saunders one of the Judges of the general court and Judge of sixth Judicial Circuit

this day John Thompson came into court and made oath that he enlisted in 1775 in Doctor Walkers Company from Albemarl County as a volunteer against Dunmore – that 1776 Walkers Company was divided and he fell to Capt Henry Garrells minute men – In 1777 he enlisted in Moses Hawkins Company for three years as a regular soldier in the Continental army in Lewis's Regiment (or 14th Virginia Regt.) that Hawkins was killed at Germantown and Lewis left the army; John Overton then took command of the company, and William Davis of the Regiment in 1778 – in 1779 he was attached to the infantry under Capt Claiborne Lawson of Col. Febecer's Regiment, under General Wayne, ended that campaign at Trenton about Christmas – that about this time the 14th Virginia Regiment was annexed to the first Virginia Regiment, and he was attached to Capt Augustus Kindals Company of Col Russels Regiment, and marched to the south, On this march Kindal, was appointed aid de camp to General Woodford, and Capt Minnis appointed to command the company, but did not take command before he was discharged which was on the 1st day of April 1780. – and was in the following engagements, towit, at Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook NJ, 13 Apr 1777], Germantown and Chesnut Hill [Brandywine] in 1777 – Monmouth in 1778. Stoney point 1779 [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], Gates 1780 [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] – Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Jamestown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], seige of york 1781 [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – and that in addition to the foregoing he served nine short tours in the militia and was in several skirmishes, towit, at voluntines Hill [sic: Valentine Hill NY], Philip Hill, Schuylkill bridge, Flourtown – Coopers ferry, Schulill, Sandahook [sic: Sandy Hook] and 5 near about Stoney pint, and one at Waterbotters Church, and that he served during the time for which he enlisted as above, and was regularly discharged and that he has since lost his discharge.”

I certify that John Thompson (about five feet ten or eleven inches high, black hair and eyes, dark complexion, about sixty years old) who now holds a certificate, of which, the above is a copy, is the John Thompson who served in the Revolutionary War in my company of the 14 Virg'a. Reg't. Commanded by Colo. William Davies. Given under my hand this sixteenth day of August 1821. in the County of Louisa Va.

John Overton form'r. Capt 14th Virg'a. Cont. Regiment

Virginia At a Court held for Charlotte County the 8 day of August 1820.

On this 8th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County John Thompson aged sixty years Resident in the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath Declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, Inlisted the United states army under Capt Moses Hawkins of the 14 Virginia Regiment in February 1777 for three years, sometime afterwards the 14 and 1st Regiments of the Virginia line were consolidated, when I was Marched to Capt Minnies Company from whence I was discharged april the first 1780 as stated in my former Declaration bearing date the 15 day of September in the year 1818 – and that I have received a pension in virtue of a Certificate Issued from the War Department bearing date the 1 day of May 1819 and Number 10154 and I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18 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 to diminish it so 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 the 18 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 and by me subscribed

– The following is a schedule of my property:

No Real Estate, and no other estate but my Carpenters tools worth about sixty dollars. – That I am by Occupation a Carpenter that from age and Infirmy and particularly from a more than ordinary blindness for one of my age am not able to follow the Calling, but in a small degree– that my family living with me consists of my wife aged about 56 years, and my son Robert aged 15 years – sworn to and declared on the 8 day of August 1820 before the County Court aforesaid.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). This online file also contains documents pertaining to John Thompson S41254.]

Charlotte county to wit.

This day Philip Johnson made oath before me one of the commonwealths Justices of the Peace for the county that he knew John Thompson in the revolutionary war and that he was in the battle of Monmoth in the year 78 and Stony Point 79 Gates’s defeat in 80 and seige of york in 81. Given under my hand this 1 day of January 182[?]

Edw’d W. Henry

Charlotte County to wit

This day John Thompson of the said county made oath before me one of the commonwealths justices of the Peace for the said county that he was in the revolutionary war from June in the year 75 untill October 81 and that he has not receiv’d or conveyed away the Land promised him by the government and that he lodged his discharged in the Auditors office in Richmond in the year 1783. Given under my hand this 27 of Jany 1820

Edward W Henry J.P.

[On 27 Jan 1820 John Thompson assigned power of attorney to John Hines to collect his pension, signing as shown:]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Warrants for bounties in land, in consideration of services performed by persons of the name of John Thompson, have issued on Certificates granted by the Executive of the dates following viz:
18 Feb. 1784 Cert’e in fav[o]r Rich’d. Claiborne assi[g]nee] of Jno. Thompson a serjeant of Cont’l. Line for three yeatrs.

29 March 1784 in fav’r Jno. Thompson – private of state line for three years

12 June[?] 1786 as Corporal of Continental line for the war.
18 Ap'l. 1801 a private of Continental line for three years.

Wm G. Pendleton Reg[ister]
31 Jany 1820.

Virginia City of Richmond to wit

I Samuel McGraw, Notary Public in and for the City aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, to hereby attest and make known, to all to whom these presents shall or may concern, that John Thompson 1st this day personally appeared before me, and made oath, that he is the same person named in the certificate of the Secretary of War dated the first day of May one Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen. He also maketh oath that in the year 1775 he elisted under Doct'r. Walker of Albemarle county, as a Volunteer, against Lord Dunmore; that in 1776 Walkers company was divided, when he the said Thompson fell to Capt. Henry Garretts company of Minute Men; that in February 1777 he the said Thompson elisted in Moses Hawkin's Company for three years, in the Regular Service, and was attached to the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Lewis: – that Capt. Hawkins fell at the Battle of Germantown, and Colo. Lewis left the Army: that after the Death of said Hawkins John Overton took command of the company &c and Colo. William Davies of the Regiment – that in 1779 the said Thompson was attached to the Infantry under the command of Capt. Claiborne Lawson, and Colo. Febeckers Regiment, under command of Gen'l. Wayne, and the campaign ended, at Trenton, about Christmas 1779; That on or bout this time the 14th Virg'a. Regiment was annexed to the 1st Virg'a. Regiment, at which time he the said Thompson was attached to Capt. Augustus Kendall Company, under Col. Russell the commandant of this said Regiment, and march'd to the South: that on this march Kendall was appointed Aid De Camp to Gen'l. Woodford, and Capt Minnis was appointed to take command of thee company, but never joined the said Company whilst the said Thompson remained in it: that in April 1780, the said Thompson was regularly discharged at Hunters Tavern, in South Carolina, by Gen'l. Woodford, when he returned to Virg'a. and during the War served nine tours in the Militia. That he the said John Thompson 1st hath not received any Land either from the State of Virginia, or from the United States, altho he is advised, that he is entitled to a bounty in the Lands reserved for the Officers and Soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. That the discharge which he obtained from Gen'l Woodford, was filed in the Auditors Office in Virginia, when he the said Thompson drew his pay and depreciation, and which said discharge as he has been informed and believes, has been forwarded to the War Department, many years ago, –

NB all the Military Services detailed here above does not entitle this John Thompson to Military B'ty Land from the United States probably he has Claim for land from the State of Va.

Nat. Cutting Jan. 14, 1820. [several words undeciphered]

NOTES:

The First Virginia Brigade to which Thompson belonged arrived at Charleston SC on 8 April 1780 and was surrendered with the rest of the southern army on 12 May of that year.

The following from the pension application of John Thompson S41254 distinguishes between that John Thompson and the John Thompson of the present pension application S41238:

Charlotte County to Wit

I Jno Henry a Justice of the peace for the said County do hereby Certify that Jno Thompson of Capbell [sic: Campbell] County and John Thompson of Charlotte County are Both in my presence, & that the former is upwards of 64 years of age, in stature 6 feet 3 Inches with a large wound on his face & head stated to have been Received in Bleaufords defeat in the year 1780 [defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] with Blue eyes & light hair and that the latter has Resided in my neighbourhood for several years past in stature about five feet ten or eleven inches Black hair and eyes Dark complexion, about sixty years of age and at present receives a Pension from the general government.

Given under my hand & seal this 21st day of November 1821. [signed] John Henry. J.P.