

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thompson S41239

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Virginia [Augusta County]

In the County Court of Augusta 26th January in the year 1824

On the application of John Thompson who claims a pension from the United States it is ordered that the statement drawn up in conformity with the direction of the Secretary of War on the 8th of March last and to which the said Thompson has made oath in open Court together with the schedule annexed be admitted to record. And it is the opinion of this Court that the property enumerated in said schedule is worth \$10 and no more which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War.

The following is a correct copy of the Declaration and schedule referred to in the above order:

“State of Virginia, Augusta County

On this 26 day of January in the year 1824, in open Court, being a Court of Record for said County (and which proceedings are had according to the course of the common law, which has unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount, in civil actions, has the power of fine and imprisonment and has all of its proceedings duly registered) personally appeared John Thompson aged eighty-six years, a resident Citizen of the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, That in the year 1775 or 1776 (before the Declaration of Independence) he enlisted for three years at Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina in Captain Ashe's [John Ashe, Junior's] Company, 4th North Carolina Regiment on Continental establishment which Regiment was at first commanded by Colonel Polk [Thomas Polk] and afterwards by Colonel Saxton [probably a mistake an attempt to identify Lieutenant Colonel James Thackston]. That he was marched on to head quarters, at a place called, as he believes, Middlebury in the State of New Jersey: That he was afterwards in two skirmishes one at Philadelphia, and the other at Chestnut Hill, near Germantown, in the latter of which he was wounded in the leg. That he continued in the service under this enlistment, three years and eight months when he was honorably discharged at Trenton by Colonel Sumner [Jethro Sumner]. That on his way home to North Carolina, by water, the vessel in which he sailed was chased by some British vessels, when he threw his discharge overboard least, if captured, his fate might be more severe in consequence of them knowing that he had been in service – and he further declares, that he afterwards, to wit, about the year 1779 or 1780, as well as he can recollect, having previously removed from North Carolina to Culpeper County in the State of Virginia, he again enlisted for three years, or during the War in Captain Oldham's [probably Captain Conway Oldham's] Company 8th Virginia Regiment, on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Gaskins [probably Thomas Gaskins]. That he remained in the service at different places in North Carolina & Virginia (without being in any engagement) until the siege of York in Virginia, where he was all the time of the siege until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October

19, 1781], when after assisting to fill up the trenches, he was again honorably discharged by Colonel Gaskins.

And in pursuance of the act of 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 other wise 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--

I have a wife and six children living with me, the oldest of whom is about 16 years of age. I am a blacksmith by trade, but from age and infirmity am unable to follow it and emphatically and truly say I stand in need of the aid of my Country for support.

Schedule of the property of John Thompson

1 square poplar Table

1 small Iron Pot

1 shott [sic] gun

S/ John Thompson"

In Testimony whereof I Erasmus Stribling Clerk of the said court have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal of office the said 26 Th January 1824 and in the 48 year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Erasmus Stribling, CAC

Virginia, Madison County, to wit

This day John Rowzee [?](aged 73 years) personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath, that he was acquainted with John Thompson at the Siege of Yorktown, in Virginia, during the Revolutionary War, & that the said Thompson was a soldier at that time, & commanded by Captain Lamb & Ensign James Barbour, who this affiant understood & believes were regular officers belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gaskins.

And I do certify that the said Rowzee is a credible witness.

Given under my hand the 12th day of September 1823.

S/ Richard C. Booton

The affidavit of Reuben Garrett taken before me Thomas Norman a justice of the peace for the County of Culpeper this 8th day of September 1823

This Deponent being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was a soldier in the American Army at the Siege of little York at the time the British Army surrendered & that at the time he was acquainted with John Thompson, who also was a soldier, and at the time served under Lieutenant James Barbour and that Barbour served at the time in Colonel Thomas Gaskin's Regiment and further he saith not.

S/ Reuben Garrett

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben Garrett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 26, 1824 for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina and Virginia service.]