

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Thompson S41240

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Virginia towit

At Court held for the County of Harrison on the 15 day of June 1818 and 42<sup>d</sup> year of the Commonwealth present John Davisson, Benjamin Robinson, Elias Sittwell, James Fleming and David Morris gentlemen justices, before the Court aforesaid personally appeared Jacob Thompson and being sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provission of the late 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” That he the said Jacob Thompson enlisted in the year 1782 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Morris [sic: Robert Morrow BLWt1508-300] of the first Regiment of Dragoons to serve during the war that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the united states until the close of the war, and served for more than one year. he was discharged from service at Winchester Virginia and that he was in no battle except in the skirmish of taking the negro corps near Dorchester in South Carolina, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and he has not other evidence now in his power of his said services

Virginia towit

At a court held for the County of Harrison on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June AD 1820 & 44<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth (being a court of record established by an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth)

Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid Jacob Thompson aged 60 years resident of Harrison County Virginia, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, That he enlisted in 1782 in the first Regiment of Dragoons in the company commanded by Captain Morrow of the Virginia line – The date of his original declaration is June 15<sup>th</sup> 1818 – his Pension certificate is No 5979. And he the said Jacob also took the following oath viz “I Jacob Thompson do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I<sup>th</sup> 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 provisions of an Act of Congress entitled of 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 18 day of March one<sup>th</sup> thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.” Viz I own 2 Horses one injured by the fall of timber 2 cows 9 small Hogs – farming & House utensils are worth \$12.

Jacob Thompson And the said Jacob also declares that he is by occupation a shoemaker but is seldom able to work, that he has four in family viz myself my daughter Polly 26 years one Grand Child Elizabeth 10 years My wife 60 years of age My daughter Poly is a cripple & able to do but little My wife is severely afflicted with Rheumatism.

Clarksburg. Harrison County Va

January 30, 1857

Hon: G. C. Whiting Com'r. of Pensions

Dr Sir, Jacob Thompson a Revolutionary Soldier and Pensioner, died on the 17 day of April 1841, leaving a Widow “Nancy Thompson” who drew the arrearages of pension up to the death of her said husband, And on April 24 1842, Nancy Thompson above named died leaving Children, these heirs wish to know if their Mother was entitled to receive a pension up to her death, (as the widow of said thompson) and the amount (if any) she would be entitled to, and the form necessary to be persued to enable them to draw the same, if entitled

I am not acquainted with the pension laws relative to Revolutionary soldier and their Widows and heirs, you will therefore excuse me for troubling you with the above request.

I have occasionally drew up declarations for old soldiers land Bounty, acts of 1850 & 1855 for accommodation more than profit, (and no further) I was one of Gen'l. Harrison's soldiers in the War of 1812 and feel disposed to accommodate a soldier or their heirs

Yours with respect Jas. Reed

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Thomson, Jacob.]

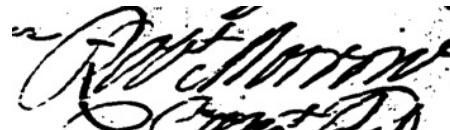
Jacob Thomson [illegible] soldier in the first Reg't of Dragoons has leave of [illegible] with his [illegible] the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, then to repair to the Rendezvous [illegible] Reg't or sooner if called for by the

Commanding Officer

Robt Morrow

June 25 1783

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Frederick County to wit

Personally appeared before me, John Jolliff a justice of the peace for said County William Henshaw [VAS3834] and made oath as the law directs, That some time in the month of July in the year seventeen Hundred and eighty three Jacob Thomson a soldier then in the American service, came to his House and shew to him the furrow accompanying this affidavit, dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 1783 and subscribed by Robt. Morrow Captain L. D. That a short time, perhaps a week after the said Thomson came to this deponents House, he the s'd Thomson took the small pox and had it extremely bad, as much as that his life was despaired of for a length of time, This Depo't. further states, that the said Thompson was not able to attend to any business the fall following his illness, nor until the spring following.

Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'r 1811.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

Harrison county to wit

Jacob Thompson of said county in the state of Virginia maketh oath that he is now 72 years of age. That he was a soldier of the revolutionary army in the Virginia line on continental establishment. That he enlisted in the month of October 1781 at Yorktown in Virginia. he went to Yorktown as Militia man from Berkly [sic: Berkeley] county in Virginia. when he arrived at Yorktown he there enlisted to serve "during the war" under a Sergant whose name he has forgotten but he was attached to a company commanded by Captain Robert Morrow Lieutenant John Linton [VAS941] and Ensign Henry Bell [BLWt623-200] commonly called Harry Bell attached to the first regiment of light dragoons commanded by Col William Washington Were marched (after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]) from Yorktown to South Carolina to Charleston in said State from thence to Savannah in Georgia

The above named veteran Jacob Thomson called on me at the Harrison Court at the bar. I commenced his statement above, was interrupted by professional engagements, from finishing his statement. He has received 200 acres about the year 1812. He is [part missing at bottom of page] due (100 acres). The common error seems to have been committed in his case that of giving only 200 acres Thus overlooking the provisions of the statute of Oct'r 1780 see Hennings statutes at large note by Mr. Henning, see also Vol. 11 of statutes at large page 565 a note by Mr. Henniong.

I have rec'd a message from this old man requesting my attention to his case. Mr. [Nathan] Goff member from Harrison I think introduced the old man to me. Mr. Goff or Mr. Bland will receipt for the warrant if issued and bring to me Very respectfully/ Your obt. ser't./ J. Wamsley  
24<sup>th</sup> Nov'r 1832.

His Excellency/ Governor Floyd

Advised that this claim be rejected, there being no reason for disturbing the invariable decisions of the Executive.

Disallowed J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]

State of Virginia }

Harrison County } I Jacob Thompson aged 74 years do upon oath testify and declare that I entered the service by enlistment in the fall of 1781 for the term of during the war in the 1st Regiment Commanded by Col. William Washington of the Virginia line of Dragoons, that shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis I was marched with the Regt. to South Carolina and Georgia, remained in the south a year or more, after which I was marched back to Virginia, obtained a furlough, when near Winchester and was never called upon to join the Regiment again. Soon after I obtained my furlough I was taken sick with the small pox and thereby prevented from getting a discharge

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised me on the part of the State of Virginia; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever; therefore I request the Register of the Land Officer at Richmond Va to have the warrant sent to me at Clarksburg Virginia and this shall be his receipt for the same

I also declare that I am now a pensioner of the United States and have received a warrant for Bounty Land from the United States

July the [blank] 1834

Jacob hisXmark Thompson