

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thomasson S6216

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Virginia Louisa County: SS

On this 13th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of the County of Louisa now sitting John Thomasson a resident of said County and state aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the first Corps of regular troops raised in the County of Louisa in the war of the revolution in the early part of the summer of 1775 or 1776 and was drummer in the company of which Anderson Thompson was afterwards Lieutenant and Thomas Johnson Captain – was exercised for several months in his own County and was then marched North – remained some time at Fredericksburg and then marched to Dumfries – and was at that place he hired as a substitute a deserter from the enemy, and obtained a discharge signed by Captain Johnson and returned home near Christmas; and that this service was of at least five months – that he left the Corps before they joined the Army and therefore does not know to what Regiment they were attached nor did he see any regular troops or officers other than such as were passing through the country like themselves – that he never availed himself of his exemption from militia duty, on account of having enlisted and hired a substitute; but served every tour he was called upon to serve during the war, and served at least three, and he thinks more tours – that he served under Captains Phillips [perhaps, Richard Phillips], Byars [John Byars] and Saunders [perhaps, John Sanders] though he does not recollect in what order – that he served a tour of two months at the Albemarle Barracks in guarding the prisoners of war, as a private, in the company of militia from Louisa under Captain Phillips in the winter season of the year though he does not recollect what year; that he does not recollect any of the officers or any regular troops or any event of note – that of one of the tours he recollects no particulars except that he went from Louisa to the lower Country and was a private and that to the best of his belief the tour was for two months at least – that the other tour he served from the same County and was orderly Sergeant; as well as he recollects under Captain Saunders or Byars – joined the Army under the Marquis [Lafayette] in the County of Hanover on their march down the country in pursuit of the enemy under Cornwallis – from Dandridge's was in a forced march for three days, during which time there were no provisions distributed, and he ate nothing for the three days, except a piece of bread on the second day – on the morning of the third (Sunday) they came to the British fires still burning freshly, and in the evening of that day he received a hurt in unloading a wagon – in consequence he returned home remained till he recovered and again joined the Army somewhere between Hanover Court House and Fredericksburg, and was at the former place when the surrender of York was heard of, and was discharged – that his recollection is very indistinct of the history of the period and of the duration of his services but he thinks the last tour was for two months and

that he served in the militia at the least six months in all – that he knew General Lafayette and recollects Major Campbell but does not recollect to have seen any regulars though he heard that Wayne's Army was at hand, in the forced march – that he was in no battle and recollects no militia officers or regiments – that he never received but the one written discharge and that is lost, and has no documentary evidence; his house and all his papers having been burnt some years since – that he was born in the County of Louisa, as he has heard, in April 1753 and has always lived in said County – that he has no record of his age, that John White,<sup>1</sup> James Chambers<sup>2</sup> and Robert Thompson all witnesses to some part of his service and to the barracks tour he knows of no witness – and that he would referred to Reverend William Y. Hiter – James Michie and Philip P. Barbour Esquire for his character.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

He replies to Question 1<sup>st</sup> In the County of Louisa as he heard in April 1753

To Question 2<sup>nd</sup> I have none

To Question 3. I have always lived in the same County.

To Question 4<sup>th</sup> I first volunteered and afterwards went in my own turn in the militia

To Question 5<sup>th</sup> This question was answered satisfactorily to the court

To Question 6<sup>th</sup> I received one discharge signed by Thomas Johnson that I have lost and never had another

To Question 7<sup>th</sup> Reverend Wm Y. Hiter and James Michie Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



[William Y. Hiter, a clergyman, & James Michie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I John White hereby certify that I have been well acquainted with John Thomasson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, since my boyhood; that I perfectly remember serving with him in the revolution on two occasions, one in the neighborhood of Hanover Court House and Pages Warehouse and again at Dandridge's in Hanover under Lafayette (inferior officers not recollectd) and also said Thomasson's being hurt in the latter tour; and that I verily believe he served regularly the whole tours never having heard to the contrary –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John White, X his mark

I James R Chambers do hereby certify that John Thomas in who has made the above declaration enlisted at the same time with myself in the regular Army in the revolutionary war from the County of Louisa, as well as I recollect in the spring of 1776 and was drummer to the company raised by Captain Thomas Johnson, that he remained sometime in the service, and sometime in the fall obtained a discharge on account of hiring a substitute –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James R Chambers, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> [John White R11423](#)

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps the same man as FPA R1836

State of Virginia Louisa County: Sct.

On this 12th day of October 1835 personally appeared before me Charles Jones a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, John Thomasson a resident of the said County aged Eighty-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Supplemental declaration in order to obtain an increase of his pension under the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That in his former declaration he claimed to have enlisted in the regular service of the State of Virginia under Anderson Thompson Lieutenant in the company of Captain Thomas Johnson in the spring of 1776 for five years or during the War, and served as Drummer that service for four or five months and hired a substitute and returned home. That since the making of his former declaration he has had communication with the Anderson Thompson<sup>3</sup> under whom he enlisted and has been reminded by him of circumstances that enable him to swear that he enlisted on Easter Sunday in the year 1776 [April 7, 1776], and that he served at least nine months in the aforesaid Company in the said Capacity of Drummer. That he has since attempted to communicate with said Thompson and has failed and fears that he is no more and would now be understood as claiming for the above mentioned additional Service only in case he shall be able to produce said Thompson's or other testimony – That as formerly stated the said Company was stationed in the County of Louisa where they were employed in training and equipping themselves at their own cost until the later [latter] part of the year when they marched first to Fredericksburg where they remained a day or so and then to Dumfries, where he hired a substitute and he returned home before they joined the Regiment. The substitute was an English Deserter a Drummer, and he thinks named Robinson. That the period of his discharge and return he thinks can be proved by the testimony of one Abram Davis<sup>4</sup> also a soldier in the regular service. That sometime in the fall of the year 1778 or '79 he was appointed by one Bullock and Yancey Citizens of the said County of Louisa, who were employed in providing for the troops who guarded the British prisoners of War at the Albemarle Barracks, and directed by them to attend to and guard the Wagons employed in conveying some meal from Barrett's Mill in Louisa to the Barracks. That he did so and was employed at least three months in going and returning with the wagons from the said mill to the Barracks. That during this whole tour he considered himself engaged in the military service of the Country and was told by the persons who detached him that he must look to the country for payment. That he did so and never had any compensation for the service. And that he now claims a pension in consideration of said service for three months as a private. That he distinctly recollects seeing one Elijah Dickerson who was the Commissary or person to receive the meal of him at the Barrick and the before mentioned Anderson Thompson who was there but he does not know in what capacity. And that he does not recollect any militia or regular troops or officers or any material circumstances –

To Question 1<sup>st</sup> He replies in one mile Louisa Courthouse in the year 1753

To Question 2<sup>nd</sup> I have no record of my age

To Question 3<sup>rd</sup> I have always lived in the County of Louisa

To Question 4<sup>th</sup> I enlisted for a bounty of 20/in the first Tour I was detailed by Yancey & Bullock in the second.

To Question 5<sup>th</sup> the answer to questions the fifth was satisfactory

To Question 6<sup>th</sup> I received my discharge from the first tour but it was burnt or lost –

To Question 7<sup>th</sup> James Michie Reverend Wm Y. Hiter Reverend William Crawford

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<sup>3</sup> [Anderson Thomson \(Thompson\) S17145](#)

<sup>4</sup> Abraham Davis FPA W538

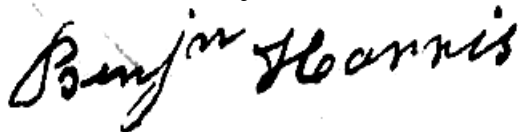
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Thomasson

State of Virginia Louisa County Sct.

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the said County Benjamin Harris a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy years, and as appears to me a credible person, and made oath that in the year 1777 or 1778 he solved John Thomasson, now a very old man, engaged in the service of the country; that he the said Thomasson attended at Barrett's Mill in the said County in one of the above-mentioned years, to the grinding of a considerable quantity of corn, said to be for the use of the soldiers of the Revolution who were stationed at the Albemarle Barracks; that he saw the said Thomasson start from the said Mill with the wagons employed to carry meal to the soldiers as aforesaid; that he saw the said Thomasson frequently at the said Mill engaged in furnishing meal as aforesaid for said soldiers.

S/ Benjn Harris

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'H'.

Sworn to and subscribed this 29th day of October 1835 before me.

S/ Fred. Harris

State of Virginia Louisa Sct.

Be it known that before me James Michie a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Abraham H Davis, a resident of the County aforesaid aged ninety-one years and as it appears to me a credible person, and made oath in due form of law that in the latter part of the year 1776 John Thomasson of the said County who now applies for a pension came to the town of Dumfries, a Drummer in Thomas Johnson's Company, who afterwards joined the third Virginia Regiment, Weedon Colonel, Marshall Lieutenant Colonel and that he belonged to that Regiment. That soon after said Thomasson's arrival and just before Christmas he hired a substitute named John Rivers, and left the Regiment and that he was well acquainted with said Thomasson, and believes he must have been in this service for some months he having marched a considerable distance from Louisa County.

Sworn and subscribed this 10th day of November 1835 before me

S/ James Michie, JP

S/ Abraham H. Davis, X his mark

[[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]