

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thompson S7716

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State of Virginia County of Fauquier: viz.:

On this 26th day of November, 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the court of Fauquier County now sitting John Thompson, a resident of the said County, in the State of Virginia, aged seventy-six 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of September, 1780, he does not recollect the particular day, he enlisted in the County of Fairfax, as a volunteer in the Company of Captain William Mason, to march to South Carolina, at that time invaded by the British, and being attached to a Regiment commanded by General Stevens [Edward Stevens], he joined the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], who had taken station on Pedee River, and remained with his Army until the month of April following, when he obtained a discharge, [indecipherable word or symbol] a very of laborious service of six months, in which he experienced many privations and hardships.

The Army of General Green was composed of regular Troops as well as Militia, but he does not recollect the names of the particular Officers commanding the Troops at this time, except General Green himself, General Stevens, the commander of his own Regiment, Captain Mason, under whom he enlisted, and Colonel Washington [William Washington] of the Cavalry.

He has no documentary evidence of his said service, having preserved no written evidence of his discharge, but there are now living two or three persons, who served with him, and who can testify to the truth of his statement.

He hereby relinquishes every 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.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in Open Court

S/ A. J. Marshall, Clerk

S/ John Thompson, X his mark

[Notley W. Rogers & Thomas Short gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – in Fairfax County, Virginia

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have none – my age I have often heard when young, and it has been preserved in memory.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer – I was living in Fairfax when I joined Captain Mason's Company and moved to Fauquier County 21 years ago, where I have lived ever since

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I was a volunteer.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – The particular names or Numbers of the Regiments Continental and Militia, I do not remember – nor does my memory serves me as to but few of the names of the Officers of the rank at that time with the Army where I was – these I have already named.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I have no distinct recollection by whom the discharge was given, or even that I had a written discharge, but if I had it is lost, not thinking it would be necessary for me to preserve any written evidence of my being discharged after the service was rendered.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer – I am well known to William Gibson, Esquire, Colonel Bradford, Notley W. Rogers, William Lawrence, and many others; but more particularly to the Messrs Mosses and many persons in Fairfax where I made a declaration the other day, which being made out of the County of my present residence, and being in perfectly drawn, I was advised would not answer on which account I am put to much additional trouble and expense.

Virginia Fairfax County to wit

Personally appeared before this subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid John Davis aged about seventy-five years and made oath that John Thompson entered as a volunteer in the year 1780 under the command of Captain William Mason as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War that he marched from Fairfax County Virginia to South Carolina on the banks of Pedee River where he joined the Army and he served in the Army for upwards of six months.

Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of October 1833

S/ Thomas Moss

[f p 4: On September eight, 1836 and Muskingum County of Ohio, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit giving as his reason for moving "That he could live more comfortably and enjoy the company of his children who have previously emigrated to Ohio." This document he signed with his mark.]

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