

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jarrel Thompson S7722

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State of North Carolina, Northampton County} SS

On this 6th day of September 1844, personally appeared before me Charles R. Kee an acting Magistrate and a member of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County aforesaid, Jarrel Thomson [sic], a resident of said County, aged eighty 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, as a private Soldier, in the War of the Revolution, about the first of May, 1780, as well as he can recollect for a term of three months, and served out the same under the following named officers (to wit) Captain Bunn [Henry Burns] of the County aforesaid, and Col. Sowel [sic, Benjamin Seawell], Captain Bunn commanded the company in which he served, and Colonel Sowell the Regiment to which his said Captain Bunn's company was attached, the No. of said Regiment he does not recollect. That he joined Captain Bunn's company at Colonel Long's near the Town of Halifax, where he received his musket; and cartridge box; That they then marched from Colonel Long's old field, under command of the aforesaid Captain Bunn, to a Log Court House on Tar River; the place he thinks where Lewisburg in Franklin County North Carolina is now situated; that there, they joined the soldiers from the different adjoining Counties, it being the place of Rendezvous for the Soldiers of the adjoining Counties; there Colonel Sowell took command of the Regiment to which his said Captain Bunn's company was attached.

That they then marched from said Court House, to Crabtree Creek, near the Town of Raleigh, where they encamped, and remained some two or three weeks, as well as he can recollect. From there they marched to Salisbury; thence to Sharlotte [sic, Charlotte], where they remained two or three days, then marched back to Salisbury, encamped, and remained there about three weeks, as near as he can recollect; From Salisbury they marched to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River, and remained there about four weeks (he thinks from Ramsey's Mill they marched to the Island Ford (so called) on the Yadkin River, and remained there some week or 10 days; From the Island Ford, they marched back to Raleigh, Thence back again to Salisbury and remained there about four weeks, as well as his memory serves him, when, and where, he together with Captain Bunn's Company were regularly discharged, which discharge, has been destroyed, in some way he knows not how. He further declares that, about the first of February, in the year 1781 (as well as he can remember) he was drafted for another tour or term of three months, which tour, he served out under Captain Kid [sic, Joseph Kidd], who was Captain of the Guard over the prisoners in the Town of Halifax, and that at the expiration of his said last tour or term of Service, he was discharged by the aforesaid Captain Kid, which was destroyed also with his other discharge. That the reason why he has never applied for a pension before, was, that, he has lost his Discharges and did not know, that, he could prove his services. 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 in any State. Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year first above written before me.

S/ Charles R. Kee, JP

S/ Jarrel Thomson, X his mark [sic]

The following questions, we were asked, the above named applicant, and the following Answers given. Question: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in North Hampton County North Carolina in the year 1762.

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

Answer: I lived in Northampton County North Carolina where I now live, and have ever lived, with the exception of three years, during which time, I lived in Greensville County Virginia.

Q: 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 received a discharge from the Service at Salisbury North Carolina, but did don't recollect the name of the Officer, who gave it to me; I received a discharge from the Service in the Town of Halifax also; Captain Kid gave it to me, both of which I have lost or destroyed in some way, I know not how.

S/ Charles R. Kee, JP

[William H. Hardee, a clergyman of Northampton County, and Charles R. Kee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, the North Hampton County

On this fourth day of March 1845, personally appeared before me Charles R. Kee – an acting Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, James Seat¹, a Revolutionary pensioner, resident of said County who certifies upon his oath, that, he well knows that the above named Jarrel Thomson was a private soldier in the North Carolina militia; that he well recollects to have served three months (if not more) with the said Jarrel Thomson in Captain Henry Bunn's Company, and in Colonel Sowell's Regiment in the said War of the revolution. He further certifies that he served three months with the aforesaid Jarrel Thomson, in the Town of Halifax, State of North Carolina, under Captain Kid, who was Captain of the Guard over the prisoners and said Town of Halifax, in the said War of the Revolution; he cannot now (from old age and the loss of memory) distinctly recollect the year in which the above named services were performed, but thinks that the first mentioned service was performed in the year 1780; and that the last mentioned service was performed some time in the year 1781. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written before me.

S/ Charles R. Kee, JP

S/ James Seat, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

1 [James Seat S7473](#)