

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Thompson S7724

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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court of Pleas Quarter Sessions October Court 1832

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said court now sitting, Isaac Thompson, a resident citizen of said County and state, aged about 77 years, who first being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of this act of Congress passed June the 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That he was first drafted under Captain John Harden in 1776 or 1777 in the expedition against the Scotch Tories at the place then called Cross Creek (now, Fayetteville) & further ~~had a battle, and~~ went further to Black River, but got there the place of rendezvous after the Tories were defeated---that they were to have served for six months but after the defeat [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776] of the Tories, they were marched back to Col. Bateman's [Christopher Beekman's] who commanded in the Cross Creek expedition, and was discharged by said Bateman [Beekman] at his own house in the County of ~~Burke~~ Rowan State of North Carolina---That he was as he informed born on the Dan River, but cannot say where as he came from there when a child---that he then resided in what is now the County of Burke---that when they marched to Cross Creek they went on through Salisbury and were joined on their route by large companies of militia until they got to Cross Creek, where there was a large force of American militia & Volunteers & the Scotch Tory forces being defeated---they returned home--that he was then young & ignorant, so much that he can tell but little about the officers who commanded; for that what little he then knew is now forgotten in consequence of failure of memory-- that Ruben Walker¹ was in the same mess with him during the expedition.

That he next served for the term of 3 three months as a private under said Captain Thomas Little [Thomas Lytle] ~~John Harden~~ against the Indians at what was then called Cathey's Fort in the year 1777 or early in 1778---that his next tour of service was for the term of six months at Davidson's Fort on the head of the Catawba River, and shifted from that fort to a fort on Buck Creek near the same & that they were often ranged from Cathey's Fort backwards & forwards to Davidson's fort & so on as the Indians were troublesome; that he was in one skirmish with the Indians on the north fork of the Catawba--That he was for 6 months in the expedition against the Public enemy in what was called the Wilmington expeditions, at the time that the enemy were driven from or evacuated Wilmington in the year 1781 or 1782---That he was in an expedition which took a fort called Captain Pad More's [sic, Patrick Moore's] fort, a Tory Captain, on Thicketty [Creek] [Thicketty Fort, July 26, 1780] in South Carolina; that Joseph McDowell was Captain under Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] when they took said fort.

¹ [Reuben Walker S3447](#)

I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Question: Where were you born?

Answer: On Dan River on the Virginia or NC side, I cannot say which

Question: Have you any record of your age:

Answer: No

Question: Where were you living when called into service--where have you lived since & where do you now live?

Answer: I lived here when called into service and ever since and still live here. It was then called Tryon [County] as well as I recollect now Burke County.

Question: State the names of those of the regular officers who were with the troops & the other particulars of your service

Answer; I do not recollect the names of any of the Regular officers who served with us for I was generally engaged with the Indians & Tories from the time the war broke out till the Peace, for our Country was overrun with Fanning [David Fanning] & other Tories. I was once taken prisoner along with 9 men and our Captain Canada [Thomas Kennedy], that was on our return from the Wilmington expedition on Little River in the County of Moreland as I think it was then called.

Question; Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service & if so by whom?

Answer: Yes I received one from Col Bateman [Beekman] after my first expedition. I believe it was in my pocketbook when taken a prisoner by Fanning & his men never gave the book or papers or money back to me. I also lost all the papers that we had at the same time.

Question: State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your veracity & good behavior & your service in the Revolution

Answer: I think it is generally known in my neighborhood but especially by Col James Erwin, the clerk of the County Court, and Mark Britain, Esquire.

S/ Isaac Thompson, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court this 22nd day of October

S/ J. E. Erwin, Clerk

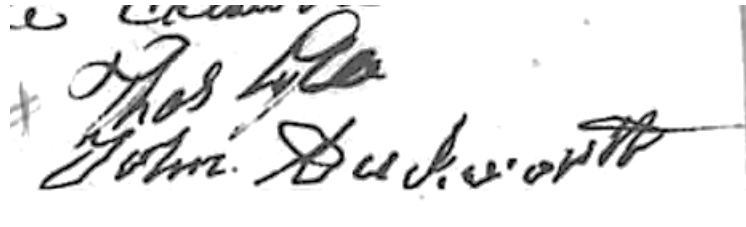
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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

Thomas Little swears that when he Commanded as Captain against the Indians during the War of the Revolution that Isaac Thompson served under him for at least the term of six months. That said Service was at the Forts at the head of the Catawba River.

S/ Thos. Lytle²

S/ John Duckworth

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The first signature is "Thos Lytle" and the second is "John Duckworth". There is a vertical line to the right of the signatures, possibly a margin or a separator.

and John Duckworth swears that he served with Isaac Thompson under Captain Thomas Little as above described –

S/ John Duckworth³

² [Thomas Lytle S8873](#)

³ [John Duckworth S6805](#)

[James Erwin and Mark Britain gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Court 1832

Ruben Walker swears that he is well acquainted with Isaac Thompson who has made the above declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7 June 1832 that I marched with said Thompson in the Wilmington expedition as by him described that they were engaged for a term of six months but after the Retreat of the British they were discharged & came home that he also served with said Thompson in the Expedition against the Scotch Tories at Cross Creek as by him described.

Sworn to in open court 23rd October 1832

S/ J. Erwin, Clerk

S/ Ruben Walker, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Burke County: 21st March 1835

Isaac Thompson swears that some time in the year 1776 (as well as he recollects the date) he was drafted and ordered out to Serve the State of North Carolina for the term of 3 months against the Scotch Tories who inhabited the State in the Lower Counties round about where Fayetteville now is. He was ordered out by Colonel Bateman [Beekman] of the militia of Rowan that County was then called – & Served under Captain John Harden the information he then received from the Captain was that they were to serve 3 months or 6 months if required; he knows nothing of what the acts of assembly were but can only speak of what he was told by his Captain. Colonel Bateman was the Commanding officer & Harden by Captain – I served 3 months if not longer. I was then young & ignorant so that I had only to obey orders & knew nothing of the Law.

As to the service I rendered under Captain Lytle as a Ranger in 1777 or 1778 I can speak not positively of that. I was then young and adventurous, had seen a little service & was pleased with it. Colonel Charles McDowell was Colonel & issued orders for the raising of men to guard against the Indians. Captain John Harden commanded us at home & when he called on us I turned out as volunteer for 3 months and at the expiration of that term I again volunteered for 3 months again as orders came from the same Colonel McDowell to keep the company full and that is the way I account for the 6 months service.

As to the service by me rendered in the expedition to Wilmington in the year 1781 or 1782 that statement must have been obscurely worded or misunderstood by the Commissioner of Pensions. I intended to say that I was ordered out for 6 months if so long required but positively for 3 months & that I then served at least 3. Captain Thomas Canaday was my Captain & General Charles McDowell was the officer who ordered us out. – I again say that I neither then knew nor do I now know what the acts of assembly are as respects the militia Service. I had to take for granted that what our officers told us was the truth – let me repeat I was ordered out for 3 months & 6 if required – & served at least 3 months. – That we heard & knew nothing about the law but what our officers told us, being the extreme frontier County adjoining the Indian nation.

S/ Isaac Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Isaac Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]