

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Thompson W1000

Martha Wade

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[f p 13]

Declaration

In order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress of the seventh July 1838 Entitled an act Granting half pay and pensions to certain widows

On this 26 day of July 1852 personally appeared before me William P Simmons, an acting Justice of the peace for the County of __ Martha Wade Thompson a resident of the State of Tennessee in the County of Bradley aged eighty years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 also of March the 3rd 1843 also the Act of June 17th 1844 also the Act of February 2nd 1848 entitled Acts granting half pay and Pensions to Certain widows that she is the widow of Benjamin Thompson who was a Corporal in the Continental Army that from the best information and from her recollection of what her deceased husband informed her that her husband enlisted for the term of five years in the state of Virginia in the County of Brunswick that he entered the service in the latter part of the year of 1776 and served for five years declarant says that she has often heard him speak of his officers names but she has forgotten their names, she thinks he served under Colonel Glinn but is not certain, her best recollection is that her husband served in the 8 or 9 Regiment of Virginia that she is not certain she is right, but she is certain he served in one of the Virginia regiments, for five years, as a Regular Soldier and a Corporal Declarant says her husband was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] at the defeat of Peola [Paoli, September 21, 1777] at the Storming of Stoney point [Stony Point, July 16, 1779] declarant says she has no documentary Evidence to support her claim She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Thompson on the 15th day of August 1790 that her husband the aforesaid Benjamin Thompson died on the 12th day of July 1825 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated declarant further says that the family Record is genuine and is the true ages of their children and further says that Benjamin W Thompson the first that appears on the Record is not her first child she had one who died in Infancy she further says she is the identical Martha Wade Thompson and that her husband was the Identical Benjamin Thompson who was named in the deed of gift purporting to convey a Negro girl and other property and that she was then lawful wife of the said Benjamin Thompson at the date of said gift of her Father Benjamin Walker. She further states that her Husband the said Benjamin Thompson belonged to Wayne's Brigade and entered the service under Captain Fox or was under Captain Fox, in the Battle of Brandywine, where Captain Fox was wounded and left the service, and says her husband told her he was entitled to Bounty land and the reason she has not presented her claim before she had no way of proving her husband's service. Sworn

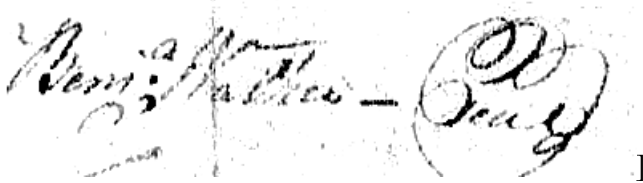
and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ Wm P. Simmons, JP

S/Martha W Thompson, X her mark

[f p 18: On August 15, 1855 in Bradley County Tennessee, the widow, 89, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Benjamin Thompson; in this document she adds that her husband served in the company of Captain Fox or Rose in the Regiment perhaps commanded by Colonel Gibson; that he enlisted in Brunswick County Virginia; that she married her husband in ___ County North Carolina on August 15, 1790; that they were married by one Holt, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Martha Wade Walker; that her husband died in Cokc County [sic, probably Cocke County], Tennessee, July 12, 1825.]

[f p. 40: Deed of gift from Benjamin Walker of Cumberland County North Carolina to his beloved daughter Martha Wade Thompson wife of Benjamin Thompson of a Negro girl named Cloe together with a number of items of personal property including a bed, how, calf, saddle and aced spinning wheel. The deed of gift is dated November 27, 1792.



Benjamin Walker - (Seal)

[f pp 8-11: appear to be the family register referred to in this file, but the documents are in very poor condition, largely illegible. The entries I think I can decipher read as follows:

Benjamin W. Thompson was Born jenuary the 11th in the year of our Lord 1793

_my Thompson was Born December the 29th in the year of our Lord 1794

_hn Thompson was Born March the 8th AD 179?

Benjamin Thompson deceased July 12th 1825

Clarycy W. Thompson Departed this Life March 14th in the yeare of our Lord 182? aged 18 years

...[several illegible entries]

John Thomson was born March the 8th 1797

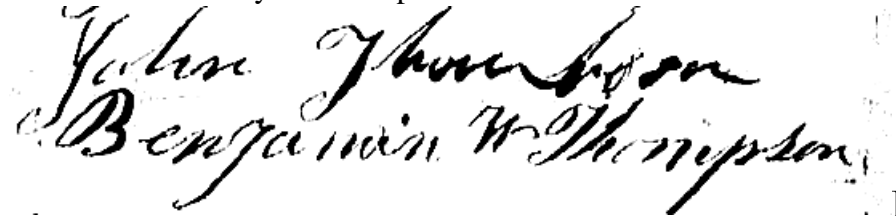
Jenay Thomson was born Jouly [July] the 18th 18?? [perhaps, 1800]

Robert Harris Thomson was born february the 9th 1805

Martha Thompson was Born May the 6th in the year of our Lord 1807

Clarycy W Thompson Born March the 14th 1809

At the top of p. 15, there is an affidavit given by John Thompson and Benjamin W. Thompson (relationship to veteran and/or his widow is not stated) in which the names of the veteran's children are listed as follows: Benjamin W., Amy, John, Jeney [could be Janey], Robert H., Martha and Clariscy W. Thompson.



John Thompson
Benjamin W. Thompson

[facts in file: an application for the restoration of the widows pension following the Civil War filed by one Samuel Grigsby, Administrator, in Bradley Tennessee on July one, 1867 states that

the widow died in Bradley County Tennessee on July 15, 1864.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$87 per annum commencing March fourth, 1836, for her husband service of 21 months as a corporal and three months as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]