

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Thompson ¹ W11618 Frances Thompson f49NC
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State of Georgia, County of Walton } SS

On this first day of July 1833 appeared in open court before the honorable Inferior Court of Walton County being a court of record Frederick Thompson a resident of Walton County & State of Georgia aged sixty-nine years on the sixteenth day of September last past 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 7th, 1832. That in the year 1780 he was drafted as one of the North Carolina Militia and as such drafted militia man he entered the service of the United States on the first day of June in the year last aforesaid under the following named officers, Griffith Rutherford General, Martin Armstrong Colonel, Joseph Winston Major William Meredith Captain, Daniel Meredith Lieutenant, Alexander Kerr Ensign Jesse Scott Sergeant – that he served this his first tour of three months being the period for which he was drafted & left the service regularly on the first of September 1780 & that he received his discharge from this tour of service by the hand of said William Meredith his Captain at a place called Richmond in Surry County State of North Carolina which discharge has long since been lost burned or destroyed that at the time he entered the service for said three months he resided in said County of Surry North Carolina that during said three months service he was engaged in one battle commonly called Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]² six miles from Camden in the State of South Carolina, that during said three months also he was present at the routing of a party of Tories at Coleson's [sic, Colson's Mill]³ near the mouth of Rocky River in North Carolina that during said three months tour he marched through the following sections of Country From the old Moravian town in North Carolina to Salem in said last named State thence to Salisbury thence to Colson's aforesaid thence he crossed to the north side of Pedee River a little above the mouth of Rocky River thence down on the North side of Pedee River to opposite of Cheraw Hill thence across the Pedee to its South side in pursuit of the British to a place called Rugeley's mill 12 miles above Camden in South Carolina where he Joined General Gates thence after the defeat he ran & marched as he could to the village of Charlotte Mecklenburg County North Carolina thence to Salisbury thence to Surry County North Carolina the place of his residence. And this deponent further declares that he volunteered into the United States Service as a North Carolina militia man for the space of other three months which last three months tour he faithfully served – that he entered said service as such volunteer at Richmond Surry County North Carolina on the eighth day of November 1780 under Benjamin Humphries [Benjamin

¹ BLWt28514-160-55

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_colsons_mill.html

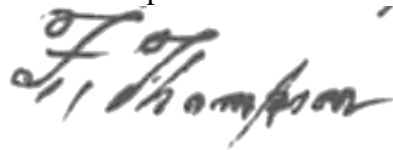
Humphreys] Captain Joseph Phillips Colonel James Shepherd Major James Halk & George Dunn Sergeants that at this time he volunteered & entered the service for this three months tour he still resided in Surry County North Carolina that he was not engaged in any battle during said last three months tour that he marched from Richmond aforesaid to Salisbury where he was stationed to guard prisoners that had been taken at the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] until he was marched the prisoners being taken along to Henry County in Virginia where being met by a relief & his term of three months having expired for which he had volunteered as aforesaid he was discharged on the ninth day of February 1781 which last discharge has also long since been lost burned or destroyed.

And this deponent further declares that he again volunteered into the United States service as a North Carolina Militia man for a tour of other three months which he also faithfully served – that he entered said service for said last three months tour at Salem North Carolina on the eighth day of August 1781 under David Humphries [David Humphreys] Captain Griffith Rutherford General James Martin Colonel McGuire Major Benjamin Humphries Lieutenant Ratcliffe Boone Ensign David Riding & John Stillman Sergeants that at the time he entered the service for this last three months tour he still resided in Surry County North Carolina that he was regularly discharged from said last named tour of three months on the eighth day of November 1781 fifteen miles above Wilmington on Cape Fear River in North Carolina which last discharge has also long since been lost burned or destroyed – that during said last tour he was engaged in two skirmishes one in Randolph County North Carolina & one not far from Wilmington North Carolina but was not engaged in any battle – that during said last tour he marched from Salem aforesaid towards Wilmington leaving Fayetteville to the North thence down Cape Fear River to Elizabethtown on said River thence he marched & counter-marched in pursuit of the Tories through that section of North Carolina to within 12 miles of Wilmington in North Carolina where he was discharged the day & year aforesaid at a place called Clayton's field. And this deponent further declares that during the time of all & each of said three tours making in the aggregate nine months he was not engaged in any civil business or pursuit whatever. And this deponent further declares that it is out of his power to procure any testimony [indecipherable word] of his services aforesaid of the planned the two affidavits of Thomas Childers & Thomas Watson⁴ hereto annexed & herewith forwarded to the War Department.

And this deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ F. Thompson



S/ J. P. Lucas, Clk

[Henry Harden, a clergyman, and Aaron Stroud gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia, Walton County

Personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Thomas Childers who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he was well acquainted with Frederick Thompson during the revolutionary war that he knows of said Thompson's having

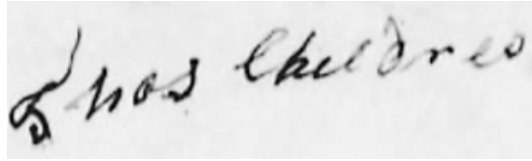
4 [Thomas Watson R11209](#)

be served a tour of three months as a volunteer in the North Carolina Militia to wit a tour from the eighth of November 1782 the eighth of February 1781 commonly known as the Salisbury tour under Benjamin Humphries Captain this deponent having been in said service during said tour with said Thompson.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 26th day of June 1833.

S/ John Hitchcock, JP

S/ Thomas Childres

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Childres". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

Georgia, Walton County

Personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the peace in & for said County Thomas Watson who being duly sworn deposed & saith that he was acquainted with Frederick Thompson during the revolutionary war that he knows of said Thompson's having served a tour of three months as a volunteer in the North Carolina Militia to wit a tour from the eighth of August 1781 to the eighth of November in the same year commonly known as the Wilmington expedition having been in the same month tour with said Thompson.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this the 27th day of June 1833.

S/ Carter Hill, JP

S/ Thomas Watson, X his mark

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To the questions required to be put by the War Department Frederick Thompson answers in open Court as follows

To the first Interrogatory he answers

I was born in Brunswick County Virginia on the 16th day of September 1763.

To the second he answers

I have & here it is in Court shown

To the third he answers

In Surry County North Carolina in North Carolina & Georgia I moved from Surry County North Carolina to Jackson County Georgia in 1800 in which County of Jackson & Walton I have resided ever since I now live in Walton County

To the fourth he answers

I was drafted the first time & volunteered the two other times I was not ever a substitute

To the fifth he answers

I knew General Rutherford with the troops where I served & Colonel Martin Armstrong. They [sic, There] were several Continental & many militia regiments with us at Gates Defeat but I did not know by what names they were called I knew General De Kalb at Gates Defeat.

To the sixth he answers

I received three discharges one from each tour the first was handed me by Captain William Meredith the second was handed to me either by Colonel Philips or Captain Benjamin Humphries the third was handed me by Captain David Humphries all three were lost either at the time my father's house was burned or else in swimming the Yadkin River some time thereafter I never received any Commission.

To the seventh he answers

Five state the names of Eli Whaley, Job Smith Esqr. Thomas Bradley, Samuel Whaley,

John Pepper, Wm Lewalling & Joel Johnston.

[p 18: On May 14, 1855 in Fulton County Georgia, Francis Thompson, aged 73, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Frederick Thompson, a revolutionary war pensioner; she states that she married him in Walton County Georgia on April 4th 1825; that they were married by Arris Canant, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Frances Mitchell; and that her husband died in Walton County on April 24, 1842 she signed this document with her mark.]

[p 22: On May 14, 1855 in Fulton County Georgia, Francis Thompson, aged 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Frederick Thompson, a revolutionary war pensioner; she restates the information contained in her application for bounty land. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 16, marriage license dated April 4, 1825 issued in Walton County, Ga. for the marriage of Frederick Thompson to Frances Mitchell.]

[Facts: Veteran died April 24, 1842 in Walton County, Ga.]

[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. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]