

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Thompson W1514

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State of Tennessee Dickson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Dickson

On this first day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record before [name written over and illegible] Howell Parrish & Samuel Turner presiding justices of the court of Dickson aforesaid – Charles Thompson a resident of the County of Dickson State of Tennessee aged 78¹ [last digit written over and could be any number between two and nine] years in June last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the spring of 1779 under the following named officers to with Colonel Parker & Captain Edward Pegram the balance of the officers declarant does not recollect – he states that he was in the expedition that went against the British that burnt Suffolk Town on Nansemond River a branch of James River. There was no engagement before we reached Suffolk Town – on [several words overwritten and illegible] went aboard of their vessels and we were kept there until they went out of the Bay with their vessels Chesapeake Bay I think was the name of the Bay occupied by the British with their vessels after the British left the Bay they were discharged and went home. This Tour lasted Declarant states and believes two [indecipherable word could be "seven" or "two"²] months. The next Tour – declarant made was under Colonel Jo Janes³ [?] since General Janes from Petersburg – and Captain Ja Pegram declarant then went as a Militia Man. We made a tour along the James River under the before mentioned officers in the fall of 1780 through the Counties [of] Prince George, Surry, Isle of Wight and Nansemond the British were in the Bay at the mouth of James River and along up the James River chiefly was in the Bay at the mouth of the River declarant says this Tour lasted three months – having commenced early in the fall – and ending just before Christmas. We were then discharged. Immediately after Christmas in the year 1781 – Declarant was again drafted as a militia man – he went this tour under Colonel Ralph Faulkner – Major Brown and Captain John Nicholas. This Tour was made also along the James River. The British

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³ Col Jo Janes Genl Janes

still continuing in the Bay at the mouth of James River the British at this Time I mean the winter of 1781 came up the James River as far as the Appomattox. On the Appomattox River as they were ascending the River towards Petersburg a detachment was sent out to attack the boats of the British which they were sending towards the Town of Petersburg declarant was one of the detachment – the detachment fired upon the Boats of the British and a few shots were exchanged. The boats of the British then bore across the River. This Tour commenced immediately after Christmas 1780 and ended in the spring of 1781 – as declarant believes and states – declarant served during this Tour two months – declarant further states after the tour in the spring of 1781 then being a resident of the state of Virginia he moved to the state of North Carolina Northampton County where he was again called upon and drafted as a militia man, for a Tour of three months – declarant then hired a man to perform this Tour for him by the name of Lewis Sawyer and the said Sawyer did perform said Tour of three months for this declarant. Declarant was born and raised in the State of Virginia – Dinwiddie County and there remained until the spring of 1781 when he removed to North Carolina as before stated where he remained until the year 1818 [could be 1808] when he removed to the County of Dickson State of Tennessee where he has resided ever since. Declarant never had any documentary evidence of his services and declarant further states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can 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 of any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

S/ Charles Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

[William S Moseley, a clergyman, and Samuel Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
Answer to the 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 interrogatories referred to the body of the declaration – and to the certificate of William S Moseley and Sam Turner.
Answer to the 5th interrogatory Colonel Gibson commanded a Regiment that lay adjoining us & General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] & General Steuben

[f p. 10: On June 6, 1840 in Dickson County Tennessee, Mary Thompson, now in the 70th year of her age, filed a claim as the widow of Charles Thompson stating that she married him December 23, 1786; that her husband died March 4, 1837; that she has neither a record of her marriage nor the births of her children. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: On June 6, 1840 in Dickson County Tennessee, Frances Collier, 72, gave testimony that she has known the veteran and his wife for 60 years; that the veteran married Mary Hodges on December 23, 1786 in the County of North Hampton North Carolina; that she can place the date of their marriage by the birth of her eldest daughter (not named) who was born on October 30, 1787. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1837.]