

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thompson (Thomson)¹ W1665 Elizabeth

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Virginia to wit:

On this 20th day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court for the 3rd Judicial district, personally appeared John Thompson age sixty years, resident in King George County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said John Thompson enlisted in February 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Gustavus Wallace of the third Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel George Weedon –; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States two years – when he was discharged from service and there being some pay due him he sold his certificate & has not seen it since, that he was in the battles of White Plains [October 28, 1776] – Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] – and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support;
Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm A. G. Dade, Judge

I further certify that Hosea Rogers² and Henry Micou³ both of King George County and credible witnesses came before me & being duly sworn, depose that they knew the above named John Thompson in the Revolutionary War serving as stated in the preceding declaration – and that the said Henry Micou depose that he was with him in the Battle at Brandywine – witness my hand & seal the day & year above.

S/ Wm A. G. Dade, Judge

District of Virginia King George County

On this 6th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record made so by special statute for the County aforesaid, John Thompson aged Sixty-one years & 11 months, resident in the said County of King George, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – that he enlisted on the 19th of February 1776 in the County of Westmorland & State of Virginia in a company of foot commanded by Captain Gustavus B. Wallace in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by

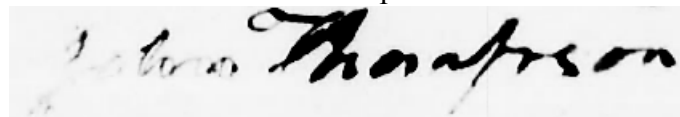
¹ BLWt13019-160-55

² FPA S38333

³ FOA S38218

Colonel ___ Weedon [George Weedon] for the term of two years – that he marched from Westmoreland to New York under the command of Colonel Weedon, – that not long after his arrival in the State of New York he was present & engaged in the battle fought at Harlem Heights [September 16, 1776] – that Colonel Thomas Marshall after this took command of the Regiment to which this declarant was attached, in consequence of the promotion of Colonel Weedon – that he duly served out the time for which he enlisted under the command of Colonel Marshall & Colonel Wm Heath [William Heth] who succeeded Marshall & was discharged at the expiration of his term of service viz. in February 1778. That whilst under the command of Colonel Marshall & Colonel Wm Heath he was present & engaged in the Battles of Brandywine, & German town – as stated by this declarant in his original declaration made under and in conformity with the law of the United States of the 18th of March 1818 – under which declaration he was inscribed on the pension list as appears by pension Certificate Number 11,863 – And the said John Thompson it also (in open Court as aforesaid) Solemnly swear as follows – and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed that I was taught the art of a tailor, but was forced to quit that occupation in consequence of a partial loss of my eyesight – that I am now a laborer but that my exertions in that capacity are weak by reason of my being frequently & much afflicted with the Rheumatism – that my family consists of my wife named Charlotte aged about 48, two sons, William aged about 18 years, & George aged about 14 & two daughters Amand aged about 16 years & Jane aged about 12 years – My wife is sickly the other members of my family are generally healthy.

S/ John Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thompson". The script is cursive and somewhat slanted to the right.

[f p 14: On February 23, 1849 in Spotsylvania County Virginia, Elizabeth Thompson, 76, applied for a pension as the widow of John Thompson; that she married him in the month of August 17 94; that her husband died January 9th, 1831 in King George County Virginia.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Thompson". The script is cursive and includes a small cross-like mark above the end of the name.

[f p. 8: Copy of a marriage bond dated August 27, 1794 issued to John Thompson and William Murdoch, bondsman, conditioned upon the marriage of John Thompson and Elizabeth Ford. The bond was issued in King George County Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing April 20, 1818, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was

pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March fourth, 1848.]