

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Russell Thomson (Thompson)W22394 Elizabeth f58SC

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[Note: pages in this file are badly scabbled]

[p 4 family record]

William Russell Thomson was married on to Elizabeth Sabb 25th of February 1783 at Bellbraughton

Elizabeth Deborah Thomson born 23rd December 1783 at Bellbraughton 8 o'clock in the Evening and died the 23rd of September 1787 -- Sunday night one o'clock Smithfield

William Sabb Thomson was born 10th November 1785 at Richmond Hill 4 o'clock in the morning

Mary Eugenia Thomson born the 14th of November 1787 -- 9 o'clock night at Smithfield

Elizabeth Anne Thomson was born 1<sup>st</sup> January 1791 o'clock [illegible] Smithfield and died 2nd September 1791 = 8 o'clock Friday at night Smithfield

John Linton Thomson was born 13th April 1793 four o'clock [illegible] Smithfield

Charles Robert Thomson was born the 25th of October 1794 4 o'clock [illegible] Mavericks

Harriotte Deborah Thomson was born 20th of February 1797 one o'clock Midway

Charlotte Ann Thomson was born the 17th of April 1799 [illegible words and figures] at Midway  
Caroline Sophia Rebecca Thomson was born at Midway on 28th of August 1802 6 o'clock in the morning

Married the 9th July 1809 = William Sabb Thomson to Eugenia Ann Lewis = at Mount Thomson  
E. A. L. was born the 11th May 1789 = ages when married W. S. T. 23 years 7 months & 29 days  
E. A. L. 20 years 4 months 27 days

William Russell Thomson born the 11th May 1810 10 minutes before 5 morning

John Paul Thomson was born 14th of September 1814 & died 12 April [illegible]

John Lewis Thomson was born the 13th of January 1816 -- 3 o'clock morning [illegible]

John Linton Thomson was married to Margaret Ann Sinclair December 16th 1816.

Thomas B. Smit of Savannah Georgia was married to Caroline Sophia Rebecca Thomson at Midway December 21st 1819

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State of South Carolina District of Orangeburg: On this 29th day of November in the year of our Lord 1852 personally appeared in open Court now sitting before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Ordinary which is a Court of Record, Charles R. Thomson a resident of Orangeburg District in the State of South Carolina aged 58 years 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 July 4, 1836: That he is the son & heir at law of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomson deceased who was the widow of Lieutenant Colonel William Russell Thomson who entered the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: That before and during and after the Revolutionary War said Lieutenant Colonel William Russell Thomson lived in what is now Orangeburg District South Carolina and his father Colonel William Thomson having been appointed Colonel of the 3rd South Carolina Continental Regiment commonly called the Regiment of Rangers, by the Provincial or Continental Congress and continued to serve as such till about the year 1780 or '81, when the said Regiment was disbanded: That said Regiment was at the battle on Sullivan's Island and at Ninety Six Fort in this State and at the battle of Savannah in 1779 and in all of which it is likely this deponent's father said Lieutenant William Russell Thomson anticipated: That after said Regiment was disbanded said William Russell Thomson entered the militia service and South Carolina and served as private in the year 1781 in which capacity he served over one month and was promoted to the grade of Brigade Major and served as such one month and in the year 1782 he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant in which capacity he served 5 months: This militia service was part in General Sumter's & part in General Henderson's Brigade of Militia: That in the year 1783 and on the 25th of February of said year he married declarant's said mother: That prior to said marriage & subsequent thereto, said Lieutenant Colonel William Russell Thomson was in command as such Colonel for the period of 6 months terminating at the 19th day of April 1783: That this last service was in the Brigade of Militia commanded by General William Henderson: That Jacob Rumph commanded a company as Captain under said Colonel Thomson in this last mentioned service: That all of the service, rendered as above detailed, by deponents said father was in the Infantry and that this deponent is thus certainly & clearly entitled to state the facts of his said father services from old army papers now in possession of his family. He further declares that his said mother was married to the said Lieutenant Colonel William Russell Thomson on the 25th day of February 1783 of which fact the family is in possession of a family Record, and that the said husband the aforesaid Lieutenant Colonel William Russell Thomson died on the 7th day of April 1807, and that said mother remained a widow until her death on the 8th day of November 1838, in Orangeburg District South Carolina. That she never made application for her pension as such widow to which she was not aware of her right nor have her heirs been until of late. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid and above written Before me  
S/ S. Glover, Ordinary O. D.

S/ C. R. Thomson

And I the said Judge of the Court of Ordinary do hereby certify that declarant above Charles R. Thomson is a gentleman of intelligence & high character and one to whose statements as above are due full faith and credit: it has this day been satisfactorily proven to me that said Mrs. Elizabeth Thomson who was the widow of Lieutenant Colonel William Russell Thomson of the Revolution died on the 8th day of November 1838 and that her only living children are Charles R. Thomson above named, Mary E. Darby, Charlotte Goodwyn and Caroline S. Lewis.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office on this 29th day of November in the year of our Lord 1852.

S/ S. Glover, Ordinary OD

[p 44 certificate of the South Carolina Comptroller General dated January 11, 1853 showing the

payments made to William Russell Thomson for military duty during the revolution.]

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State of South Carolina Orangeburg District: Personally appeared before me an acting Magistrate in and for said District Charles R. Thomson who being duly sworn says that the "Pay Bill" of Captain Jacob Rumph's company in Orangeburg District hereunto attached was found among the old papers of his father the late Colonel William Russell Thomson relative to the Revolutionary Services rendered by said father who was an Officer in the war of the Revolution: that Captain Jacob runs lived in this District until his death about 40 years ago: That this deponent refers to his declaration lately made as heir at law of his mother Elizabeth Thomson deceased for a more full & particular account of his said father, said Colonel William Russell Thomson's services in said war. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of February 1853

S/ C. R. Thomson

S/ S. Glover, Magistrate ex officio

[Unfortunately, the pay bill for Capt. Rumph's company does not appear in the file nor is it included in the Revolutionary War Rolls posted on Footnote.com.]

[In *The History of Orangeburg County, South Carolina* by A. S. Salley, Jr (1898) the following appears:

"Below is a roll of Capt Rumph's company. It was first published in the Clayton, Alabama, Banner, and had, it is said, been furnished that paper by the holder of the original roll. A copy of the published roll was sent to the Southron, a newspaper published in Orangeburg about 1860, by the late Capt A. Govan Salley, and it was republished in the Southron on September 10, 1861, with the remark that the editor had "no doubt of its authenticity", and that it was "worthy of remark that after the lapse of three-quarters of a century, the names, with scarcely an exception, still exist among the present inhabitants of Orangeburg District." The writer then adds: "The following are the names of Capt Jacob Rumph's men who fought the Tories of South Carolina in 1783, Orangeburg District, commanded by Col Wm Russell Thomson."

The writer was wrong in giving the date 1783, and he also probably mixed Wm. Russell Thomson up with Wm. Thomson, his father.

Jacob Rumph, Captain

Jacob Wannamaker, 1st Lt.

Lewis Golson Sergeant [[R4096 Lewis Golsan](#)]

John Golson, 2nd Lt.

Frederick Snell

John Cooke [[SC1513 John Cook](#)] or [[SC1514 John Cook](#)]

Henry Whestone, (Whetstone)

Peter Snell

John Moorer

John Ditchell [[SC2293 John Dichtel](#)]

Paul Stroman

Jacob Riser

Abram Miller [[SC2142 Abraham Miller](#)]

John Leramerman, (Zimmerman)  
John Whestone, (Whetstone)  
Michael Zigler, (Zeigler)  
Peter Pound  
John Ott [[S18145 John Ott](#)]  
David Rumph  
John Rumph  
John Hooper, (Hoover) •  
John Densler, (Dantzler) [[SC2274 John Densler](#)]  
John Miller  
Henry Wannamaker  
John Amaka [[S9270 John Amacker \(Amaker, Macker\)](#)]  
Michael Larey,  
George Ryly, (Riley)  
John Amaka  
John Brown  
Daniel Bowden  
Wm Hall [William Hall]  
David Gisendanner, Clerk  
Jesse Pearson  
Jacob Amaka [[SC171 Jacob Macker \(Amacker\)](#)]  
Jacob Hoegar, (Horger)  
Christian Inabnet  
George Shingler  
Anthony Robinson  
John Cooney, (Cooner) [[SC1535 John Cooney](#)]  
Jacob Stroman  
John Deremus, (Deramus) [[SC2277 John Demaras](#)]  
Jacob Cooney, (Cooner)  
Thomas Aberhart [[SC2564 Thomas Eberhart \[Everhardt\]](#)]  
John Stroman  
Nicholas Dill  
Peter Staley  
Nicholas Rickenbacker  
Nicholas Hulong, (Herlong)  
John Inabnet  
John Houk  
Jacob Rickenbacker  
Robert Bayley, (Baily)  
Arthur Barrot  
Frederick Burtz  
Peter Crouk, (Crook)  
Martin Grambik  
John Dudley  
John Rickenbacker  
Isaac Lester

Benj. Collar, (Culler)  
Henry Lester  
Conrad Crider [[SC1689 Conrad Crider](#)]  
Henry Stroman  
Abram Ott  
John Housliter

The company is said to have numbered seventy men, but it is evident that there are only sixty-five names on the above list."

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to William Russell Thomson pp8  
Audited Account No. 7772  
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No. 52

[Book] T [No.] 260 29<sup>th</sup> June 85 [1785]

Mr. William Russell Thomson his account of 227 days duty as a private in Militia, Brigade Major, and Lieut. Col. Commandant, in 1781 and 1782

Amounting to £125.10/[Sterling]

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The Public South Carolina

To William Russell Thomson

Dr.

1781

To 47 days actual duty as a private at 10/ [10 shillings old SC  
currency per day]<sup>2</sup>

23.10

To 30 Do as a Brigade Major at 70/

105

1782

To 150 Do as Lt. Col. Commandant at 100/  
227

750

£878.10

Sterling

£125.10/

State South Carolina

Orangeburg District}

Personally appeared before me William Russell Thomson & being duly sworn Saith that the above account of one Hundred and fifty Pounds 10/ Sterling was Justly due him and that he never received any part thereof and this Deponent further saith that part of the above duty was done in General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] and part in General Henderson's [William

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

<sup>2</sup> 10 shillings old SC currency was the per diem pay rate for a militia man serving on foot.

Henderson's] Brigades of Militia  
Sworn before me  
this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1784  
S/ Malcom [undeciphered surname], JP

S/ W. R. Thomson  
Lt. Col. Comod't

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. R. Thomson" on the top line and "Lt. Col. Comod't" on the second line. Below the signature is a decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping loops.

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Received 29 June 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the the  
Within in an Indent 260 T

S/ W. R. Thomson

[Note: The remaining documents in this file relate to claims made by the veteran for sundries  
provided the Continental and militia troops during the Revolution.]