

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Thompson W22418 Winney Thompson VA
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State of Illinois }
Greene County } September Term 1832

On this 3rd day of Sept AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court of Greene County Illinois being a court of record John Thompson the said court now sitting being a resident of said County of Greene and state of Illinois – and aged about seventy three or four 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The applicant is not able to state in what year he was born, as he has no record of his age, but he states to the best of his recollection and from the best information he is now seventy three or seventy four years old that he was born in Bottertort [sic: Botetourt] County and State of Virginia when he was called into the service of the United States from Virginia he moved to Kentucky after the revolutionary war closed, that he remained a resident of Kentucky about seventeen or eighteen years and from thence removed to the now state of Illinois where he has resided ever since, that he was drafted into the service of the United States as one of the Virginia Militia to go against the British in North Carolina and was in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], that subsequently he was drafted and was at the battle of York Town at the takeing of Cornwallis [at the siege of Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]. at the battle of Guilford he was under the command of Capt Henry Pawling [sic: Henry Paulding] attached to Col William McClenahans [sic: William McClenachan's] regt. at the Battle of Yorktown he was under the command of Capt David May, that in addition to the above service he volunteered to guard some waggons to the lead mines on or near new river [near Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA]. This applicant recollects that Gen'l [Nathanael] Greene was in command at the battle of Guilford and that Genl Washington was seen by this applicant at the battle of York Town. The applicant received a discharge twice or for both the tours before alluded to, but They have been lost. those discharges were given by Captains Pawling and May. this affiant states he is well acquainted with Aaron Smith William Thompson and John Taylor and a number of others who are his present neighbours are well acquainted with this affiant and who will be able to testify as to his character and that it is generally understood at this time as it has been for many years that this applicant is one of those who participated in the revolutionary war

This affiant has no documentary evidence to show his services, but his brother William Thompson will testify that he served in two tours, the one or the other in which he volunteered to guard the waggons. he knows of no person by whom the fact can be established that his whole service was over six months 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.

John hisXmark Thompson

State of Illinois, Greene County Ss.
County Commissioners Court
December Term 1833 [3 Dec 1833]

Personally appeared in open court John Thompson, well known to this court as the real individual who filed a declaration for a pension at the September Term 1832, of this court and the said John Thompson being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, as a private in each instance: For one month as a guard to the waggons to the lead mines on the west side of New river called Chissells mines. this service

was performed under the order of Colonel Fleming – For three months as a private in Capt Pawling's company of the Virginia Militia against the British in North Carolina – For five months as a private in Captain May's company of Virginia Militia against the British as mentioned in his declaration at the Battle of Yorktown – making his whole service nine months. that from the causes before mentioned he is unable to state further particulars.

John hisXmark Thompson

NOTE: In Greene County IL on 4 Oct 1843 Winney Thompson, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married John Thompson in Botetourt County VA on 20 June 1781, and that he died 27 March 1843. William Thompson and Temperance Thompson, both about 79, certified that they had known John Thompson and Winney Brickey before they were married. The file includes a copy of a marriage bond signed on 21 June 1781 in Botetourt County by John Thompson and Josiah Brickey for the marriage of Thompson to Winnifred Brickey.