

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Evan Thompson W2975      Chloe

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State of Kentucky County of Shelby } Sect.

On this 27 day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Samuel Todd sole Judge of the Shelby Circuit Court now sitting Evan Thompson a resident of said County of Shelby in the State of Kentucky aged nearly 70 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.

That in the month of July in the year 1780 as well as he at this time remembers he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier in the company of Captain Richmond Pearson upon a tour of three months, and served as such accordingly -- that the name of the Lieutenant of his company was William Copeley. That he rendezvoused with his said Company in Salisbury in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina in which County he resided at that time -- that his said Company was there attached to the Regiment of Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] and the whole of the militia there assembled came under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- that he was marched from his said place of Rendezvous together with the balance of the troops who were there assembled towards Camden in South Carolina who were destined to reinforce the Army of General Gates [Horatio Gates] and upon the march they met a part of the Army of Gates upon its retreat and learned from it the defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] of Gates Army, upon which the troops were marched back and this declarant and his company were afterwards kept at Salisbury till the expiration of his tour and having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and permitted to return home.

He further states and declares that afterwards in the month of February in the year 1781 as well as he now remembers, he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man in the company of Captain Pearson upon a tour of 3 months and was immediately thereupon appointed orderly Sergeant of his said company and served as such during the whole period of his tour -- that the name of the Lieutenant of his said company was Patterson -- that he rendezvoused with the said Company at the town of Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina in which County he still lived and he was marched with his said company from there said place of rendezvous with some prisoners which were given in their charge to Halifax old Court-house in the State of Virginia -- that they were kept employed with some prisoners in guarding them till the expiration of their said tour of duty and when the same terminated he was discharged and

returned to his residence in the said County of Rowan and State of North Carolina.

He states that upon the first tour he does not recollect to have seen any regular officers nor does he recollect the names of any of the militia officers who were with the troops except those whose command he was attached. In the second tour and last above named there was but the one company employed upon the particular service.

He further states and declares that in the month of February in the year 1783 he came to Kentucky and situated himself at Harrodsburg and that himself and one Daniel Ashley directly thereafter were appointed by Colonel Madison<sup>1</sup> as Indian spies and had for their boundary to spy in all that part of Country now known as the Counties of Franklin, Anderson & Mercer and portions of some of the adjoining Counties -- that he continued diligently engaged in his capacity of Indian Spy for the full period of six months.

He further states that from the great lapse of time and his advanced age and consequent loss of memory combined that he cannot positively swear to the precise periods at which his services commenced but that from his present best recollection he served as above stated and set forth, and that he did not serve during the revolutionary war less than 3 months as a private militia soldier 3 months as an orderly Sergeant and six months as an Indian spy. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any individual whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove the same or any part thereof.

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 cat state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Evan Thompson



Interrogatories propounded to the above named applicant died the Court –

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Orange and State of North Carolina on the 27th day of August 1763 according to my best information.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age at home in my Bible.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer -- I. lived in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina when I entered the service upon my 2 first tours and when I acted as an Indian spy lived in Kentucky at Harrodsburg in the now County of Mercer in which section of Country I continued to live after the revolution till about 14 years ago when I moved to Shelby County & where I still continue [to] reside.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. Upon my 2 first tours I was drafted. I was called upon by Colonel Madison to perform my service as an Indian spy --

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of

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<sup>1</sup> This **MAY** be Gabriel Madison who served as an officer hundred George Rogers Clark in the portion of Virginia which subsequently became the state of Kentucky.

your service.

Answer. Upon my first tour I was in the company of Captain Pearson attached to the Regiment of Colonel Locke -- and to the Brigade of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. I was marched with the balance of the militia that rendezvoused at Salisbury in North Carolina in the direction of Camden and we were assigned to reinforce General Gates but upon the march we met a portion of his Army on the retreat the whole having been defeated and we were turned about and marched back and I was finally discharged at Salisbury. I do not recollect that I saw any regular officers upon this tour nor do I now remember the names of any of the militia officers except those under whose command I was. Upon my 2nd tour I was under the command of no higher officer than Captain and was the orderly Sergeant of my company. There was but one company upon this service and we were given in charge a number of prisoners whom we guarded and conducted to Halifax old Courthouse in Virginia where we remained as a guard for them until we were relieved by other soldiers. There was no other officers upon this service than those attached to our company. My services as spy were performed in the back of Country now known as the Counties of Franklin, Anderson and Mercer in Kentucky and a portion of some of the now adjoining Counties.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I do not recollect to have never received a discharge in writing.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name David Hagerty, Robert S. Sanders as persons to whom I am known. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Evan Thompson

[David Hagerty and Robert S. Sanders gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 36: On March 28, 1833 in Shelby County Kentucky, Abram Cook, a Baptist clergyman, gave testimony in support of the character and reputation of the veteran.]

[p 15: In Shelby County Kentucky during the October term 1838, Chloe Thompson, 61 on the 6th day of April last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Evan Thompson, deceased, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$45 per annum; that she married him May 29, 1792 in Mercer County Kentucky; that she knows of no one by whom she can prove her marriage unless by John Rice of Mercer County if he is still living.]

[p 30: In a subsequent filing dated May 14, 1839 filed in Shelby County Kentucky, Chloe Thompson stated that her husband died May 28, 1834. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 12: Clerk's record of the marriage of Evan Thompson to Chloe Bennett on April 25, 1792 in Mercer County, Kentucky.]

[p 10, Rice Thompson, 'heir at law of Chloe Thompson' a pensioner as the widow of Evan Thompson, filed a power of attorney dated March 16, 1853.

*Rice Thompson* ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and as a Sergeant for 3 months in the South Carolina [sic, North Carolina and Virginia] militias.]