

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Thompson W4605  
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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September A.D. 1832 Samuel Thompson personally appeared before me J. D. Hughes one of the Justices of the peace for said County & made oath according to law, that he is 82 years old last June & that he entered into the Service of the United States as a private for a six month tour under the command of Captain Alfred Moore, & served out the full time, but does not recollect the date nor by whom discharged, he again volunteered & acted as Ensign in a three months tour against the Scotch in the vicinity of Fayetteville in the State of N. C., again volunteered & went out against the Indians he has Lieutenant under the command of Captain William Williams field officers as well as can be recollected was Colonels Tinnen & Ramsey having served out the tour of three months and then marched back to Hillsboro, N. C. and Dismissed

Next Tour volunteered under the command of Captain Thomas Thompson field officer was Colonel Taylor, marched from Hillsboro N. C. to Reedy fork on Haw River and then Joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and was in the battle at Guilford C. House and then marched to Troublesome Iron Works, and thence to Ramsey's Mill and when the Tour was ended was dismissed, which was three months. Volunteered under Colonel Benton and marched to Dan River but don't recollect how long in service.

And frequently volunteered upon short expeditions against the Tories But cannot recollect the length of the Tours But as well as Memory serves thinks in all not less than Two months – This declarant Resided in the County of Orange & State of North Carolina at the time he volunteered at the several times as aforesaid. This declarant was born in the State of Pennsylvania & County of Bucks on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June A.D. 1750 – But removed with his parents to Orange County State of North Carolina at a very early age, where he resided ever since. This declarant cannot produce any regular discharge at present, from the services in which he was – This declarant is known to James Clark Esq., Robert Tinnen, Esq. Willis Shaw Esq. & Colonel Joseph Allison in his neighborhood, & that he has no Documentary evidence of his Services as aforesaid – nor does he know any person or persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except the accompanying affidavits of James Hart & Robert Tinnin Esquire. This deponent 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 so far as he hath knowledge.

This day personally appeared before me Joseph D. Hughes One of Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Samuel Thompson and made Oath according to law that the within declaration is true to the best of his knowledge and belief; and from old age and Bodily infirmity is not able to attend Court.

Sworn to & subscribed the first day of September A.D. 1832

S/ Samuel Thompson

not able to  
James Thompson

S/ J. D. Hughes, JP

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me Richard Nichols a Justice of the peace for the County of Orange and State aforesaid Samuel Thompson a resident of the County of Orange & State of North Carolina aged 82 years last June who after having first been duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration way of amendment to his declaration made the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

This declarant says that he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private under the command of Captain Alfred Moore in the year 1775 as well as his memory will serve for a six months tour, he says they met in Hillsboro N. C. and marched to Fayetteville N. C. from thence down the River by boat to Wilmington N. C. where he continued until the tour ended and was discharged, But by whom not now recollected, this declarant says he does not recollect of having received any written discharge for any of his Services during the Revolutionary War, the field officers were Cols. Moore & Nash.

Again volunteered in Orange County and entered in the Service of the Militia of North Carolina in the year 1776 if this applicant's memory Serves him, in a three months tour, against the Scotch, under the command of Captain Hugh Tennin [sic, Tinnen?] & Lieutenant William Williams and when the company was reorganized this declarant says that he got the appointment of Ensign the Majority of the said Tinnin's Company and Served as an Ensign until the tour ended, But does not know whether commissioned or not, this declarant says that they marched from Hillsboro N. C. to Fayetteville N.C. and it's vicinity & continued until the tour ended and was marched back again to Hillsboro, and there dismissed, but by whom not now recollected, the Field officers there as well as this applicant can remember were Cols. Thackston & Butler & Major H. Rogester[?].

Again volunteered in Orange aforesaid in a three months tour of the militia of North Carolina against the Indians, the date not recollected, under the command of Captain William Williams and William Duagan [sic, Dunagan or Dugan?] the Lieutenant and said William Dunagen [sic] was discharged of that Tour when they first met in Hillsboro N.C. and this declarant Says that he was appointed By the officers as a Lieutenant in place of said William Dunagan and Served as a Lieutenant during the whole tour, and was marched from Hillsboro N. C. own towards the Yadkin River and when the tour was ended this applicant thinks they were marched back to Hillsboro and dismissed. The field officers were Cols. Tinnin & J. Ramsey.

This declarant says that he does not recollect whether he ever received a commission as a lieutenant or not.

Again volunteered in Orange aforesaid and entered the Service of the Militia of N. C. as a private for a three months tour, under the command of Captain Thomas Thompson Field officer was Colonel Taylor and marched from Hillsboro N. C. to Reedy fork on Haw River and there joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and was in the Battle at Guilford Court House and then marched to troublesome Iron Works & then to Ramsey's Mill in Chatham County N. C. and then Dismissed some days before the company by having a horse in the service which was made some allowance for the time of Serving, but this declarant cannot recollect how long the company Served after he was dismissed.

Again volunteered in Orange aforesaid in the Service of the militia of North Carolina as a private for a three months tour under the command of Captain Thomas Thompson & marched towards

Dan River in pursuit of the British Army some place in Virginia but found that the British Army had taken some other course and was returned back again and dismissed this declarant cannot remember the date nor how long he was in the Service on that tour, the field officer was Colonel Benton. And frequently volunteered upon short Expeditions against the Tories but cannot recollect the length of any of the tours but thinks in all not less than two months.

This declarant resided in the County of Orange and State of North Carolina at the time he volunteered at the several times as aforesaid. This declarant was born in the State of Pennsylvania and the County of Bucks on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1750, But removed with his parents to Orange County and State of North Carolina at a very early age where he has resided ever be in its this declarant cannot produce any regular discharges for his Services rendered, and has no documentary evidence of his Services as aforesaid, nor he does not know any person at present whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the accompanying affidavits of James Hart<sup>1</sup> and James H. Allison,<sup>2</sup> Robert Tinnen<sup>3</sup> Esq., Robert Tinnen (Jr.), Samuel Nelson<sup>4</sup> & Andrew McBroom<sup>5</sup>, Esquire. This declarant hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State so far as he has any knowledge.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace Samuel Thompson who being duly Sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the per slice length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned above, as a private, and as an officer.

S/ Richard Nichols, JP

S/ Samuel Thompson

[John Hanks, a clergyman, and Hunter McCulloch gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died October 24, 1837 in Eno, Orange County, NC; veteran married Elizabeth Debow or Debon August 29, 1785 in Orange County, NC; widow died January 10. 1841; their children who survived Elizabeth were Solomon (45 years old in 1843), a resident of Orange County, Rebecca, David, Rachel and Nancy Thompson.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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1 [James Hart S9555](#)

2 [James Allison S6491](#)

3 [Robert Tinnen S7734](#)

4 [Samuel Nelson S8916](#)

5 [Andrew McBroom S7205](#)