

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

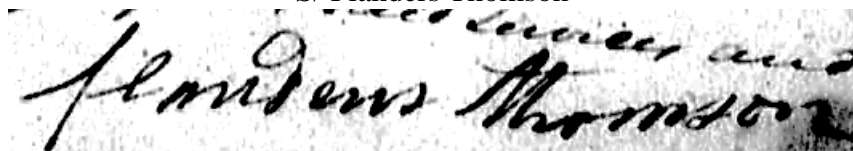
Pension application of Flanders Thomson (Thompson)¹ W6272 Elizabeth f99VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 12/4/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

The State of South Carolina ___ District to wit: On this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord 1819, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the State aforesaid; personally appears Flanders Thomson aged about sixty-one years, resident in Laurens district in the said State, 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 Revolutionary War" That he the said Flanders Thomson enlisted in Halifax County in the State of Virginia for three years, under Captain Thomas Threet [sic, ?] of the 14th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line, commanded by Colonel Lewis and that he was in the battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777] in which Captain Threet was wounded, then he was commanded by Lieutenant Nathaniel Terry; and that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] after which he marched to Middlebrook in New Jersey where he enlisted during the war under Alexander Parker, Captain, and Colonel Heath's [William Heth's] Regiment; that he was in Charleston in the State of South Carolina, when it was besieged, where he was taken prisoner by the enemy and detained for eighteen months, thence taken to Charleston in the State of Virginia, and there exchanged; and that he was at the siege of York [September – October 19, 1781], after which he transferred to Colonel Steward's Regiment; and that he was actively engaged during the war in the Continental service against the Common Enemy, That he served faithfully and honorably; but in consequence of wounds which he received at Savannah in the State of Georgia he could not attend to get his discharge, that he is in very reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And herewith produces further testimony of his said services and enlistments &c.

S/David Johnson

S/ Flanders Thomson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Flanders Thomson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Schedule

The State of South Carolina Pendleton District: On this 25th day of March 1823, personally appeared in open Court in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace Oyer and Terminer Assize and General Gaol Delivery, being a Court of Record for the said District in the State aforesaid, Flanders Thomson, aged sixty-seven years, resident in Pendleton District in the State aforesaid,

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who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows; in the 14th Regiment of the Virginia line, in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Threet part of the time, and the balance of the time in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Parker. That he made an Original declaration on or about the 30th of March 1819, and received a Pension Certificate Numbered 17.539. 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. To wit, Six table knives and six forks, two tin pans, two water pails, a teapot, a broken Set of cups and saucers, four plates, a bottle, a Dutch oven, six tablespoons, three sitting chairs, a hoe, a shovel, Pitcher, pair shears & one wheel. This deponent further saith that he is by occupation a Mill-wright, but that he has not been able to pursue it for several years, by reason of many wounds received in the Revolutionary War, and also by reason of the rheumatic pains which he is much afflicted with. His wife named Elizabeth aged about forty-nine years, she is unable to do any work almost except knitting. He has three daughters living with him, Tempy aged eighteen years, Elizabeth aged sixteen years, Polly aged nine years. This deponent further saith that he lives with his son Henry and is mostly supported by him, and that if it was not for the charity aid and help he received from his son he would be unable to support.

Sworn to and declared on in open court the 25th day of March A.D. 1823

S/ David Johnson, Presiding Judge

S/ Flanders Thompson²

[f p. 7: On July 8, 1843 in Lumpkin County Georgia, Elizabeth Thompson, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Flanders Thompson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that on the 11th day of June following the month of February in which she was 14 years of age, she married Flanders Thompson On the 14th day of March following her said marriage, her oldest child Henry Thompson was born; that there is no register of the age of her son but from the oral computations of her husband and herself, the aforesaid Henry was 61 years of age on the 14th day of March 1843; that she has no documentary evidence of her marriage; that she was married to the said Flanders Thompson on the 11th day of June 1781; that her husband died January 27, 1831; that shortly after their marriage her husband left home and entered the service, she believes in the siege of York. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 12: On July 8, 1843, Edmund Singleton testified in Lumpkin County Georgia that he is satisfied that Henry Thompson, son of Flanders and Elizabeth Thompson, was 61 years of age sometime in the month of March 1843; that affiant's son Overstreet Singleton married a daughter of the said Flanders & Elizabeth Thompson.]

[f p. 13: On July A.D., 1843, Overstreet Singleton testified in Lumpkin County Georgia, that on

² this does not appear to be the actual signature of the veteran since it does not look like his previous signature and since it appears to me to be in the identical handwriting as the document itself.

July 2, 1829, he married a daughter of Flanders and Elizabeth Thompson.

Over Street Singleton]

[f p. 17: On September 4, 1846 in Walton County Georgia, Mrs. Sarah Thomason, 81, gave testimony that she removed to Lawrence District South Carolina previous to the Battle at Cambridge (commonly called Ninety Six) in the time of the Revolutionary War; that she removed to the immediate neighborhood of one David Green who was a Minister of the gospel and was very intimate with the family for many years; that soon after the revolutionary war, Flanders Thompson came into the neighborhood and became engaged to marry Elizabeth Green, daughter of said David Green; that David Green opposed the marriage of his daughter to Flanders Thompson; that the couple eloped and were married she believes in the year 1783 or four; that Elizabeth and Flanders were married before affiant was married in 1784; that affiant was acquainted with several of their children viz. Henry Thompson their oldest child, Polly was their youngest and five between them viz. Leana, Joel Green, John, Flanders, Jr., and Temperance. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

f p. 27: On May 9, 1849 Elisha Cossey [could by Elisha Cosey] gave testimony in Walton County that according to the information given him by his uncle Zachariah Green he, affiant, was 76 years of age the sixth day of January last; that he was raised by his uncle in Laurens district South Carolina; that his uncle Zachariah was a brother to David Green the father of Elizabeth Green who married Flanders Thompson about the close of the Revolutionary War; he remembers the wedding because David Green opposed the marriage because Thompson was dissipated and Elizabeth Green quite young; that Thompson was building a mill with Elizabeth's father at the time they were married; that the affiant lived in Lawrence District until about 32 years ago when he moved to Jackson County Georgia; that Flanders and Elizabeth raised several children born in lawful wedlock the oldest of whom was Henry Thompson, Leana, John, Flanders and other small children the names of which he cannot recollect; that affiant's marriage took place a few days after he was 25 years old on the 19th day of January 1798. S/ Elisha Cossey]

[f p. 5: Certificate dated April 29, 1847 issued by the clerk of the Lumpkin County Georgia court certifying that Elizabeth Singleton (formerly Thompson) and Mary Ann Singleton (formerly Thompson) are the legal and only heirs of Flanders Thompson a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[f p. 31: On March 11, 1846, Mrs. Rebecca Morgan a resident of Forsyth County Georgia gave testimony that according to her family record which she produces that she is 76 years old; that she was partially acquainted with Flanders and Elizabeth Thompson prior to 1801; that in that year the day moved into the immediate neighborhood where she lived and she became intimately acquainted with them and their children; that Henry Thompson their oldest was at that time about 15 years of age; that Leana was then next child and Joel Green their next followed by John and Flanders Thompson Junior and she believes it was one other child but cannot distinctly recollect; her recollection is that her son Thomas Morgan was born in the same year that Flanders and Elizabeth removed into her immediate neighborhood.][the family register of Rebecca Morgan appears on f pp 44-48—very difficult to decipher and I didn't attempt it since there does not

appear to have been any relationship between the veteran and Mrs. Morgan.]

[f p. 36: On March 14, 1850, Elizabeth Singleton gave testimony in Lumpkin County Georgia that she is the child of Flanders and Elizabeth Thompson; that her mother remained a widow until the day of her death of September 2, 1844 and that on that date her mother only had two children still surviving namely herself and her sister Mary Ann Singleton. Elizabeth signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing March 30, 1819 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow's heirs were granted a pension in right of her at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 and ending September second, 1844, when she died.]