

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thompson W8787 Elizabeth Thompson f31VA
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State of Kentucky Madison County: SS

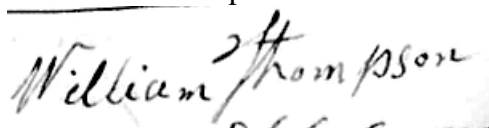
I William Thompson aged rising 66 years do upon oath testify & declare that in the year 1782 I enlisted for the term of during the war & served in the Regiment No. __ under the command of Colonel Armond [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] of the Virginia Continental line: & that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the War, when I was regularly discharged from the __ Regiment commanded by Colonel or General Armond – I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States – nor have I assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever,

Therefore, and know all men by these presents that I William Thompson aforesaid do hereby constitute & appoint the Honorable Robt. P. Letcher to be my true & lawful attorney for me & in my name to demand & receive from the Secretary of war of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid – And my said attorney is hereby fully authorized & empowered to do in the premises what I myself could do.

Attest

Daniel Breck

S/ William Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of Kentucky Gallatin County: Sct.

On this 9th day of July in the year of our Lord 1849 personally appeared in open Court and before the Court of Gallatin County now sitting Ava Ray who is now forty-one years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress passed 7th of July 1838, the 3rd of March 1843, the 17th of June 1844 and the 2nd of February 1848 Granting pensions to certain widows of persons who served in the revolutionary war. She states she makes this declaration in order to obtain the amount due to her mother Elizabeth Thompson Deceased late wife of William Thompson Deceased who was a pensioner in his lifetime at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum. She also states her mother Elizabeth Thompson being now Dead she makes this application for the amount due you the Heirs paid for two years and more than eight months the

space of time her mother lived after the death of her Father which will be made to appear. She further says there are but three of the children of William Thompson and Elizabeth Thompson both deceased now living John Thompson a son who resides in a distant part of the State of Illinois if now living and Elizabeth Thompson my sister in this County my sister Elizabeth is not sane and is not capable of taking any charge of her interest. She was born so and under this State of facts I make this application for the benefit of the heirs in my own name. She further states her Father William Thompson died on the 6th day of May 1846 and her Mother Elizabeth Thompson Died on the 21st day of January 1849 which will appear in evidence. She further states that she often heard her Father and Mother tell the time of their marriage which is perfectly within her recollection which was on the 4th of February 1784 Shortly after my father came from the Army but she cannot recollect the County in Virginia where they were married which circumstance places it out of her power to apply for a certificate of their marriage but she relies upon the family Record showing the age of her Brothers and Sisters which names were written there by my father William Thompson in his lifetime and in his own proper hand write [handwriting]. She therefore relies on her Father's Bible record in support of the fact of the marriage of her Father and mother before the year 1794 perhaps alone from the recorded ages of the children which marriage was not prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place before the first day of January 1794. She also states that shortly after the Death of her Father William Thompson she was by the Court appointed executrix of his estate owing to the fact that she was the only child or only same child living in this Gallatin County or in Kentucky her only living Brother in the state of Illinois.

S/ Ava Ray, X her mark

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State of Kentucky Gallatin County: Sct.

Personally appeared in open Court Mrs. Ann Ray who has just made an application in right of the Heirs of William Thompson & Elizabeth Thompson both deceased and for the widow's pay and introances [?] To the said Court the Bible or testament which belonged to her Father from early life to the day of his death and in which are recorded the Births of all his children as appears to have been written by old Ms. is Thompson at the [indecipherable word]. The Court therefore do certify that they are decidedly and clear of the opinion that this Bible or testament was the property of William Thompson deceased who was a pensioner that it appears to the court satisfactory evidence that the names of his children was written in the Book at the proper time or dates of their Births in his own handwriting as some of the court has seen his writing the [They] find the age is recorded thus

Fanny Thompson was born May 1st, 1785

Nancy Thompson was born January 27th, 1787

Susannah Thompson was born January 1st, 1791

John Thompson was born January 31st 1793

James Thompson was born September 9th 1796 or 1797

William Thompson was born February 2nd, 1799

Mason Thompson was born September 9, 1803

Elizabeth Thompson was born January 12, 1805

Ava Thompson was born March 5th 1808

Elijah Thompson was born January 24th, 1811

The Court does therefore certify this Testament in which the above record may be found to the

Commissioner of Pensions in Washington City as evidence not only of the age of the children but of the date of the marriage of William Thompson to Elizabeth Thompson.

S/ Levi Griffin, JP

S/ Abram Kelsey, JP

S/ E. J. Jacobs, JP

S/ John A. Nancy, JP