

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Thompson¹ W9853 Susannah

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[f p 16]

State of Kentucky Shelby County: Sct. Be it known that on the 30 day of November 1833 personally appeared before Gideon Mitchell one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Shelby in the State of Kentucky and one of the Justices of the Shelby County Court, Joseph Thompson a resident of said County and State aged nearly seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon 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 is to say being a resident of Augusta County in the State of Virginia he did in the month of October in the year 1780 as well as he remembers entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man & private soldier in the Company of Captain Kincaid upon a tour of four months – that he rendezvoused with his Company at the muster ground in said County and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Mathews – that he was marched from the said place of rendezvous to the neighborhood of Portsmouth Virginia at which place the British had possession and was there kept stationed for the purpose of aiding in keeping the British from committing depredations and foraging upon the country during the whole of his tour and after having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and went home. He states that the tour was at a severe one and that he had many difficulties to surmount besides the inclemency of the season. He states this tour was 4 months.

He further states and declares that in the month of April 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man & private soldier in the company of Captain Brown upon a tour of two months – that he again rendezvoused at the muster ground in Augusta County Virginia where he still resided and was attached to Colonel Bowyers Regiment – that he was marched through the Country and joined the Army of General Lafayette and kept with it in pursuit of the British Army under Cornwallis – that a battle was fought between a part of the two armies at or near James Town on James River though this deponent was not personally engaged in it. He states that he served out his tour fully and faithfully and was then discharged and returned home. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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S/ Joseph Thompson, X his mark

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said Justice of the Peace and Judge of the Shelby County Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Augusta County Virginia in the year 1763 according to my best information

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

Answer The record of my age has been lost.

3rd 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 Augusta County Virginia when I entered the service and after the war I continued there for some time – then I moved to Fayette County Kentucky where I remained but a short time and then went back again to Augusta County Virginia where I continued a few years and then moved to Clarke County Kentucky where I continued to live until about four years ago and I then moved to where I now live in Shelby County Kentucky where I have continued ever since.

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

Answer. I was drafted.

5th 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 your service.

Answer – My memory is treacherous and I have forgotten the names of almost all the officers whom I saw & knew in the service. I recollect Generals Lafayette and Wayne and Steuben and Nelson. I recollect Colonels Mathews & Boywer and Junis of the militia. My services upon my first tour were performed near Portsmouth Virginia in assisting to protect the Country from the incursions and depredations of the British. My second tour was performed in the Army of General Lafayette against the British Army under Cornwallis – upon this tour a battle was fought at or near James Town but I was not engaged in it personally.

6th 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 received a discharge from my first tour which I lost it was signed by my officers I received no discharge from my second tour.

7th 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 Jesse Baskith and ___

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Thompson, X his mark

[Jesse Baskett gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 20: On November 30, 1833 in Shelby County Kentucky, Margaret Young gave testimony that she is the sister of Joseph Thompson the applicant for a pension; that they lived in Augusta County Virginia during the War of the revolution; that her brother served a while before Cornwallis was taken; his services were rendered in 1780 & 1781 and she knows he was out at least two tours in service amounting to not less than six months. She signed her affidavit with

her mark.]

[f p. 12: On May 25, 1855 in Shelby County Kentucky, Susannah Thompson, 71, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Joseph Thompson; that she married him in Fayette County Kentucky January 3, 1803; that they were married by Mr. Crawford a Presbyterian Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Susanna Thompson; that her husband died in Shelby County Kentucky April 19, 1843.



[f p. 9: On November 23rd, 1859 in Shelby County Kentucky, Susannah Thompson, 75, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she is the widow of Joseph Thompson; that she married him in Fayette County Kentucky January 3, 1803; that they were married by one Crawford a Minister of the gospel; that her husband died at his residence in Shelby County Kentucky in April 1845 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 6: Power of attorney dated December 20th, 1870 granted by Elizabeth Nabb, daughter of Susannah Thompson, widow of Joseph Thompson, a revolutionary war pensioner. Elizabeth signed a document with her mark.]

[f p. 23: Affidavit dated January 17, 1871 of Berry Thompson a resident of Henry County Kentucky giving reasons why the undrawn portion of the pension due to Susannah Thompson, deceased has not been previously claimed: he states that Susannah Thompson was not in the sense of this circumstances at the time of her death; that she was then living with William Thompson her son who was also in easy circumstances but ill health; due to the unsettled condition of the country during the war [presumably the Civil War] and the ill health of Clark Thompson executor of the will of Susannah Thompson prevented him from claiming the arrears of pension due his deceased Mother; that Clark Thompson is now dead; that Susannah Thompson devised her estate in part to Clark Thompson now deceased and Elizabeth Nabb. The relationship, if any, of Mary Thompson to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[facts in file: the widow died in Shelby County Kentucky April 1, 1864; the names of the children of the veteran and his wife were: Clark, William, Zeredla; Webber, Mary J. Duval and Elizabeth Nabb.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for six months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing February three, 1853.]