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Pension application of Stephen Thompson S1595

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State of Tennessee, Marion County

On the 12th day of April 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Nathaniel W. Williams, one of the judges instead County at the courthouse in the town of Jasper, Stephen Thompson, a resident in said county and state aged about 69 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz: first, that and the \_\_ day of October 1779, he volunteered to serve a 6 months tour of duty under Captain Roebuck, Lieutenant Thompson and Ensign Butler, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thompson and Major White. That he lived in the County of Spartanburg in the state of South Carolina when he entered the service, and was discharged from the same in the month of May following having served seven instead of six months. That he was marched in said Regiment from Spartanburg South Carolina across a Broad River at Lyles Ford to Winnsboro where they were stationed a short time and were marched across the Congaree River to Williams' Fort near a place called 96 where they joined the American Army commanded by General Pickens and from there they marched with the Army to Augusta, Georgia. That shortly after they arrived there the siege was commenced which continued several days, which was the only engagement in which this applicant fought during said term of service. That shortly after the siege terminated this applicant was discharged and returned home. This applicant states that in the month of June 1780 he again volunteered to perform a nine months tour of duty under Captain Culbertson, Lieut. Smith (the Ensign's name he has forgotten); that he served under said officers in the Regiment commanded by Col. Williams and Major Thomas, that he was marched under said officers from Spartanburg (where he lived) across Broad River and to near Camden S.C. where they joined the American Army commanded by Genl. Gates; that they were then shortly marched to Camden S. C. where (in the month of August 1780) they fought the British commanded by Lord Cornwallis, in which Battle this applicant fought; that shortly after the Battle had been fought at Camden, this applicant was marched with Col. Williams' Regiment through Chester and Union Counties S.C. to King's Mountain, in the State of South Carolina, at which place they arrived the day before the Battle was then fought by the Americans under the command of Cols. Campbell, Cleveland, Sevier, Shelby, Clarke and

others, with the British and Tories under the command of Col. Ferguson in the month of September [sic, October] 1780 in which Battle this applicant fought; that shortly after this Battle, he was marched from King's Mountain under Capt. Culbertson to Jamison's Fort near the head of Pacolet, where he was stationed as a guard under Capt. Jamison, where he remained until in the month of March 1781 when he was discharged. During which service he was occasionally called out on scouting expeditions, but was in no general battles. That in the month of May 1781, this applicant again volunteered to serve in a company commanded by Captain John Gowan, Lieutenant \_\_ Matby [sic, McBee?] and Ensign Allen Gowan, that he was marched under said officers from Spartanburg County South Carolina (where he lived) to Jamison's Fort and that he was there stationed under Captain Gowan as a guard to the frontier, for the span of two years, occasionally out on scouting expeditions against the Indians, who ravaged the frontier. That he cannot recollect the date at which he was there discharged but is confident that he was discharged by Captain Gowan from a service of two years. This applicant states that he has no distinct recollection of any of the regular or other officers with whom he served, except them he has already named. That he has herein given a statement of the general circumstances and dates of his service as nearly as he can recollect them. This applicant herewith sends the affidavit of Burwell Thompson,<sup>1</sup> the only testimony of his service he is able to procure. The applicant states that he was born in Granville County in the state of North Carolina on the \_\_ day of October 1764. That his parents informed him that they had a record of his age, but that their house was burned by the Tories, which [record] was also burned. That he was living in Spartanburg County and the state of South Carolina when he was called into service each time; that he moved from Spartanburg County South Carolina to Madison County Kentucky, where he lived about 15 years; from there he removed to Franklin County Tennessee, where he lived about 10 years and from there he removed to Marion County Tennessee, where he now live. That he served as a volunteer each tour of service herein specified and that he never was a substitute. That he has already stated the names of all such offices as he knew during his service together with the general circumstances of his services as well as he can recollect them. That he was regularly discharged from each tour of service by the Captains he served, to wit, Captains Roebuck, Culbertson and Gowan. That said discharges are lost as will appear from the affidavit of Burwell Thompson herewith sent. This applicant states that he is acquainted with and refers to the following named gentleman, to wit, John W. Solomon, Peter Aiken, Captain William Anderson, Isaac H. Roberts, Esq., Abram Hargis, William Champion, the Reverend John C. Everett and John Hayes, Esqr., some of whom can testify as to his character for veracity etc.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 subscribe the day and year aforesaid. S/Steven Thompson  
S/ Wm. J. Standefer, Clk.

[John C. Everett, a clergyman, Isaac H. Roberts and Peter Aiken gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Burwell Thompson S3801](#)

State of Tennessee Marion County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions November Term 1832.

Personally appeared in open court Burwell Thompson and made oath that in the year 1778, or 1779, Stephen Thompson entered the service of the United States as a volunteer, in the County of Spartanburg in the State of South Carolina, under Captain Roebuck, the other company officers were Lieutenant Thompson and Ensign Butler and the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Thompson, that said Stephen Thompson served in said Regiment in the Army commanded by General Pickens, for about the term of 7 months and was regularly discharged from said service by Captain Roebuck, which discharge was put into the hands of this affiant to keep and that he has lost or mislaid the same that he cannot come at it -- Affiant further states that in the year 1779 as nearly as he can recollect, the said Stephen Thompson again volunteered, in the County of Spartanburg in the State of South Carolina, to serve under Captain Culberson, that he served under said officer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams [James Williams] for the term of 9 months, that during said term of service, said Stephen Thompson fought under said officers in the Battle at Kings Mountain. This affiant further states that the said Stephen Thompson again volunteered in the year 1781 to serve under Captain John Gowen, Colonel Thomas, and General Pickens, in the County of Spartanburg and State of South Carolina that said Stephen Thompson served under said officers about the term of 2 years, that said Stephen Thompson was stationed the most of said time on the Head of Pacolet [River] at Jamison's Fort under the command of Captain Gowen., that said Stephen Thompson was regularly discharged from said service by Captain John Gowen, which discharge was given to this affiant to keep and that he has also lost or mislaid the same so that he cannot find it. Affiant states that he was with said Stephen Thompson part of the time during each term of service herein specified and knows of his having served as herein stated.

S/ Burwell Thompson

Sworn to in open Court November 19th 1832

S/ Wm J. Standefer, D. Clk.

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There is in this file an undated letter addressed to President Andrew Jackson which reads as follows:

"To Andrew Jackson P. U. S.

Dear Sir

I beg leave as a humble individual to trouble you with the enclosed and with a few lines from one who is old, poor and a cripple, but have through envy and malice and the love of my little home combined to deprive me of my pension and receiving from the United States my just due and rendering mind name odious to the American people.

I say before my God that the proof recorded in the pension office is true. I make this appeal to you to see me righted and please here to permit me to give you a short sceth [sic, sketch?] of my Family.

My Father, George Thompson, lost his life in the service of his Country who left my mother with ten children. She rec'd her annuity on account of the death of my Father. My brother, Burwell Thompson, rec'd his pension who lived in Franklin County Te [sic, Tennessee] under the act of 1832 but is now dead. My next brother, Saml [Samuel], who

now lives in the Province of Texas -- is yet alive and drawing his pension and myself who is the next Brother whose pension is now stopped by those who neither have love of Country or love of truth who wanted my little home and know I would have to sell it if my pension was stopped.

I am too poor, too old and too destitute of Funds to procure more proof. The Tories burnt my Mother's house and all the records were burnt that would establish my age.

S/ Stephen Thompson"

I George W. Thompson Post Master at Pleasant Plains Ten. do Certify that I am 42 Years of age & I have been acquainted with Stephen Thompson ever since I can remember & the statements that he has made in the foregoing I believe correct and have no doubt but he is entitled to a pension having always understood that he was a true Whig & fought for his Country.

S/ Geo. W. Thompson, P. M. P. R.

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State of Tennessee Marion County: This day personally appeared John W. Salmon & Abraham Hargess before me Lewis Bible one of the acting justices of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that they heard Stephen Thompson (a pensioner of the US say) that he was too young to serve in the Revolutionary service and that he was frequently dressed in women's clothes when a boy or lad, and he Thompson was in company with some other men a running his Grandfather's property from South to North Carolina and on their return fell in with the Army a going to King's Mountain and went as a spectator, and saw the battle without being engaged in it.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 7th day of May 1836

S/ Lewis Bible, JP

S/ J. W. Salmon

S/ Abraham Hargess

State of Tennessee Marion County: This day personally appeared William Champion before me Lewis Bible one of the acting justices of the peace for said County, and made oath in due form of law that he heard Stephen Thompson (a pensioner of the US) say nearly to the same account as stated above in the affidavit of Salmon & Hargess, and I never have heard the first man say they thought he was a revolutionary soldier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of May 1836.

S/ Wm Champion

[James Klepper and John McGriff gave affidavits stating the same allegations as set forth in the Salmon and Hargess affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: Anna Holley, 60, gave testimony in Marion County Tennessee on May 7, 1836 that she had a conversation with Stephen Thompson the preceding February and at that time he stated he was 63 years old.]

[State of Tennessee Marion County: This day personally appeared Thomas J. Asher before me Lewis Bible an acting Justice of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that he in a late conversation with Stephen Thompson a pensioner of the US stated to him on the 28th of April last that he the said Thompson was not in the action

at the Battle of King's Mountain but was there in disguise & that his Brother & an officer by the name of Roebuck would not admit him to the Battle because he was too small and young. Sworn to and subscribed this 7th of May 1836

S/ Lewis Bible, JP

S/ Thos. J. Asher

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State of Tennessee Franklin County: This day James Murphy came before me James Wilkinson one of the Acting Justices of the peace and made the following Statement after being sworn; I do hereby certify that I lived in South Carolina in the District of Ninety Six in time of the Revolutionary war and was well acquainted with Stephen Thompson personally and I frequently heard of his being in the Service of the United States under Colonel Roebuck and I verily believe he was a true Whig. Given under my hand and seal February 17th 1837.

S/ James Murphy

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State of Tennessee Coffee County: This is to certify that I were acquainted with Stephen Thompson in Ninety Six District in the State of South Carolina & know him to be a faithful Soldier in the Revolutionary War, & was called a True Whig & I believe he served under Colonel Thomas & Colonel Roebuck given under my hand this 9th day of May 1837.

S/ Sanford Berry, <sup>2</sup>X his mark

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<sup>2</sup> [Sanford \(Sandford\) Berry S1638](#)