Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Thompson R10553 Sarah f18VA Transcribed by Will Graves 12/6/11

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State of Georgia Walton County: SS: Special Inferior Court May 9th 1846

It appearing to said Court by satisfactory proof it is therefore Ordered to be certified that John Thompson who it is said was a private Soldier and served during the War of the Revolution in the Virginia militia died on the __ day of April 1810 in the County of Clark State of Georgia leaving a widow Sarah Thompson who now resides in Walton County State of Georgia and that her mind by reason of age &c has become impaired.

Given under our hands in Open Court this 9th day of May 1846

S/ Warren J Hill, JIC S/ Waters Briscoe, JIC S/ Wrion Stroud, JIC

Personally appeared in Open Court William Thompson a resident of said County — aforesaid aged Fifty-four years past 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 on the seventh day of July 1838 entitled an Act Granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows in behalf of his Mother the said Sarah Thompson who is by reason of age Superannuated. That he is reputed to legitimate son of the said John Thompson and Sarah Thompson. That his said father John Thompson died on the ___ of February 1810 leaving his mother a widow and that she has remained a widow ever since the period of her husband's death aforesaid. That from the best information he can arrive at and from what he recollects to have heard his father relate in his lifetime He verily believes the following Statements very nearly correct viz.

That his said Father was a resident of Goochland County State of Virginia during the War of the Revolution and was called out by a draft so soon as he became of age to do military duty and served three Tours as private prior to the Siege of Little York or Surrendering of Cornwallis in 1781, which said Tours he supposes amounted to at least nine months service in all, that his said Father John Thompson was a faithful soldier during the War of the Revolution.

That he is informed his said Parents were legally married in Goochland County State of Virginia prior to the year 1794. That the belief hereunto annexed purporting to be a family record is his said Parent's original Family record and he believes it to be the hand writing of Robert Strong a Brother of deponent's Mother who is now dead. And deponent verily believes it is a true record.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the ninth day of May 1846 Attest:

S/W. W. Nowell, Clk

S/ William Thompson



[f pp 2-3: family record:

List of Ages

John Thompson was born June the 12th 1762

Sarah Thompson was born July the 12th 1767

Richard Thompson son to Jo & Sarah Thompson was born March ninth 1786

Francis Thompson was born December the 22nd 1787

Elizabeth Thompson born December the 18th 1789

William Thompson was born April the seventh 1792

Sarah Trom Brill Thompson was born May the 25th 1795]

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State of Georgia Oglethorpe County: SS

Be it known that on this 7th day of May 1846 before me James O'Kelley a Justice of the Peace in and for the County personally appeared Mr. Charles Strong a resident of said County aged eighty-four years past who being first duly sworn according to law saith that he formerly resided in Goochland County State of Virginia and done service two tours during the War of the revolution in the Virginia militia to the siege of Little York. That he was personally acquainted with John Thompson a resident of the same place and knew him to be in service as many as to Tours one Tour he served in Captain Smith's Company Colonel Fleming's Regiment and was legally and honorably discharged at Cabin Point from said service as a private of Virginia militia. That the said Thompson afterwards served a tour as private in General Nelson's Brigade the other officers not known making two tours as private and deponent has every reason to believe the said Thompson was himself discharged from the last Tour aforesaid at Richmond Virginia deponent frequently saw the said Thompson while in service aforesaid being himself in service at the same time and date which will appear by reference to deponent's Declaration for a pension now on file. Deponent has good reason to believe the said Thompson was in Service previous to the serving of the above Tours from the fact that he was two years or upwards older than deponent.

And this deponent further states that the said John Thompson married deponent's Sister Sarah Strong in Goochland County State of Virginia the particular date not recollected but that deponent married the said Thompson's Sister the year 1785 and the said Thompson was married at least one year before deponent was –

That the said John Thompson died in Clark County State of Georgia leaving the said Sarah Thompson a widow who has remained a widow and is now a resident of Walton County Georgia and as he is informed superannuated by reason of age.

S/Charles Strong