

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thompson [Thomson] W1001 ¹ Mary Thompson f21+30SC
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[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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[p 10]

State of Tennessee Anderson County}

On this 4th day of February 1840 Mary Thompson a resident of said County personally appeared before me Enoch Foster one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of William Thompson who was a Sergeant in the Army of the Revolutionary War. Applicant cannot specify the services rendered by her husband William Thompson she heard him say that he was in the battle at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]² also at the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]³ she cannot tell the regiments to which he belonged but from his discharge it appears that he belonged to Lt. Col. Regiment South Carolina St. D. [sic State Dragoons?] she cannot say when he entered or left the service. She heard him say in his lifetime that he enlisted for four years he resided in Rutherford County North Carolina at the time he entered the service she cannot tell through what Country he marched she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim except said Thompson's discharge from his Col. Samuel Hammond which is herewith enclosed which she offers as evidence in support of her claim he also substituted and served in place of one Lane Norman under Col. Hammond by whom he was discharged which discharge is herewith enclosed. Applicant has no documentary evidence in support of her claim except the discharge before named: which she offers as evidence in support of her claim. She further declares that she was married to the said William Thompson only 8th day of January 1784, and that her husband William Thompson as aforesaid died on the 5th day of February 1811 that she has remained a widow ever since: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz., at the time above stated and that her name before she married the said William Thompson was Mary Taber which marriage took place in Rutherford County North Carolina she as further evidence in support of her claim would refer to the declaration of Agnis Taber⁴ now file in the Pension office and which refers to the service as she is informed of her said husband William Thompson. She also offers the Deposition of Col. William Tunnell in support of her claim which is hereto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above

¹ BLWt5209-160-55

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁴ John Taber (Agnes, his widow), [John Taber R10372](#)

written.

S/ Enoch Foster, JP

S/ Mary Thompson, X her mark

[p 13 supporting affidavit given by William Tunnell as to the marriage of William Thompson to Mary Taber and to their having lived together as husband and wife, to the date of death of William Thompson and the fact that his widow has remained unmarried after his death.]

[p 4 of the second file of Thompson's records as posted on Fold3.com, or image 612 on Ancestry.com's version of this file.]

William Thomson [sic] a Sergeant of my Regiment hath served the Term he ingaged for with Honesty as a brave Soldier, he having Discharged His duty is hereby Discharged this 27th of August 1782 by me

S/ Saml. Hammond

Lt. Col. Regt. So. Carolina Lt. D. [Light Dragoons]

William Thomson a Sergeant of my Regiment hath served the Term
he ingaged for with Honesty as a brave Soldier, he having Discharged
His duty is hereby Discharged this 27. August 1782 by me
Saml. Hammond
Lt. Col. Regt. So. Carolina Lt. D.

[family record: pp. 4-5 William and Mary Thompson had the following children]

David born December 12, 1784
John born May 17, 1787
Elizabeth born April 21, 1789
William born May 15, 1791
Jahoidah born May 6, 1793

David Thompson born
Born 12th December
1784
John Thompson born
Born 17 day of May
1787
Elizabeth Thompson
born 21 April
1789
William Thompson born
15 May 1791
Jahoidah Thompson born
Born 6th May 1793

Elenor born January 25, 1796
Polly born May 16, 1798
Peggy born April 28, 1801
James born June 28, 1803
Caswell born August 15, 1805
Jonathan born July 17th 1806
Almon born August 28, 1811

Elenor Thompson born
25 day of January 1796
Polly Thompson born 16
May 1798
Peggy Thompson born
28 April 1801
James Thompson born
28 June 1803
Caswell Thompson born
15th August 1805
Jonathan Thompson born
17 July 1806
Almon Thompson
born 28 August
1811

[Image 613 in Ancestry.com file for this veteran]

State of South Carolina

Ninety Six District} I do Certify that James Normon [James Norman?] Served Sometime in the Regiment State Troops, Late under my Command and that he produced William Thomson to Serve the remainder of his time who was by me Excepted [sic, accepted] and the said Normon discharged and said Thomson faithfully Served the remainder of time due and was entitled to the Bounty & Wages which were the Conditions of enlistment [sic, enlistment] of the said Troops,

Certified by me this 12th November 1787.

S/ S. Hammond

*State of S. Carolina
 Ninety Six District } I do certify that James Norman served
 sometime in the Reg^t State Troops. Late Under My Command
 and that He produced William Thompson to serve the remainder of
 His time who was by me accepted and the P. Thompson discharged
 and P. Thompson faithfully served the remainder of Time due
 and was entitled to the Bounty Money which were the com-
 plications of insolent part of the P. Troops, certified by me this
 12th November 1787*

Hammond

[p 7: On March 29, 1855 in Anderson County Tennessee, Mary Thompson, then a resident of Anderson County Tennessee made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Thompson, a Sergeant of Cavalry in the Revolutionary War. He is a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$45 per annum. She signed this application with her mark. Her mark was witnessed, by Millie Wallace (with her mark) Jonathan Thompson and Rufus Thompson whose relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.

Jonathan Thompson *Rufus Thompson*

[I could not find the discharge mentioned in the widow's application as having been given by Lt. Col. Samuel Hammond.]

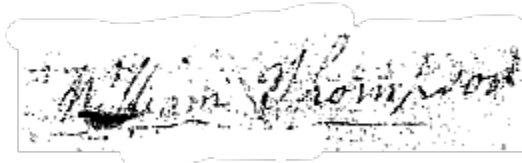
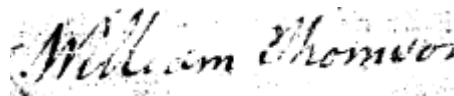
[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a Sergeant of Cavalry in the South Carolina line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to William Thompson [Thomson] AA40
 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 7756
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⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 24 Book M dated October 1st, 1784 “delivered to William Thomson [sic] late a Sergeant in Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond’s brigade of State Troops this our Indented Certificate in the sum of One hundred seventeen pounds ten shillings Sterling being the balance of pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]⁶

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing numerous endorsements, several by William Thompson in which his signature appears both as William Thompson and William Thomson as follows:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature that reads "William Thompson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is cursive.A handwritten signature that reads "William Thomson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is cursive, similar to the one in the previous box but with a slightly different spelling.

[p 6: Note: the following document appears to relate to the same veteran but I am puzzled by the fact that this document is signed by the veteran with his mark as opposed to his signature.]

Gents

Please deliver the bearer Mr. Samuel Earle an Indent due me for the fourth Part of a Negroe for service performed as a Sergeant in Lt. Col. Samuel Hammond’s Regiment of Light Dragoons agreeable to A Resolve of the Legislature in that case made & provided & this Shall be a Receipt Against your

Humble Servant

S/ Will Thompson, W his mark

10th January 1785

Acknowledged before

S/ Baylis Earle, JP

⁶ Men who enlisted for ten months beginning in April 1781 in the SC 10-month State Troops of Light Dragoons under Hammond were promised a bounty and wages payable in slaves taken from the Tories. Such ‘pay’ was known as “Sumter’s Wages.” When that horrific form of payment could not be made because too few slaves were confiscated from the Tories, by act dated March 21, 1784, the SC Legislature authorized the payment in pounds Sterling deemed to equal the value of the slaves not delivered (to wit, £94 Sterling for one ‘grown Negro’ and £47 Sterling for one ‘small Negro.’) That act also exonerated Sumter and the troops under his command from liability due to plundering of the estates from which the slaves were taken.