

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Thompson S31418

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: viz.: On this __day of March 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace and judge of the Mercer County Court George Thompson Senior a resident citizen of said County & state aged 84 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 the 7th day of June 1832 viz. I George Thompson Senior do hereby solemnly declare on oath that I was born in the County of Albemarle in the then colony of Virginia and that I am now 84 years old as I was informed & verily believe by my parents and that I resided in said County when I was called into the service of my country in the revolutionary war, when the war first commenced I was a Captain under the British Crown, which I resigned and in the month of April 1776 I was appointed first Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion of minute men in Captain Roger Thompson's company (by the committee of Public Safety) our Battalion was commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis and in the same month we were ordered to rendezvous at Charlottesville and marched to Wake Courthouse in North Carolina and after we had marched about three days an express overtook us and we were ordered to Williamsburg and were stationed in the vicinity of that place as a guard and marched to various points to meet the attacks of marauding parties from the British ships of war, we were engaged in service six months and upwards this time when we were permitted to return home with orders as many militia of the State of Virginia to be ready to march at a moment's warning, during the greater part of this tour I also acted as the private Secretary of Colonel Lewis and immediately under his orders in writing and dispatching expresses to various quarters – and again in the month of October in the same year I was again ordered into service with Colonel Lewis to go against the Indians and to reinforce Colonel Christian [William Christian] at the Big Island on Holston [River] but I was detached to take charge of the sick at Charlottesville and was engaged in this duty three months during both of which tours above I discharged my duty as Lieutenant during this winter 1776-7. Albemarle County was divided and I was commissioned a Major in the minute militia and in April I marched three companies of men (one raised by myself) and two others commanded by Captain Jos. Hayden [Joseph Haden or Hayden] and Richard Napier according to orders to Williamsburg again where a large number of Troops were stationed and my commission being the Eldest I had the chief command during four months and we were stationed at Wallers Grove. Again the next year in the month of April as well as I can now recollect, I was again ordered into service as Major and marched my Battalion to Williamsburg where we were stationed and were commanded by General Mason and we were employed again to meet attacks by British vessels of war, and I continued in service this tour six months when we were again dismissed until further orders having faithfully performed my duty during the terms stated as above – In April 1779 I was elected to the Virginia Legislature and in the year 1780 I was twice to the State of

Kentucky and in the fall of the year 1780 I became acquainted with General Lafayette at Allegrus Flemmings [??]¹ and on the 26th of April 1781 I was appointed by the General as one of his aides and I marched with him in his various marches and counter marches in the State of Virginia in order to protect the country from the invasion of Lord Cornwallis' Army, and in this service I performed the arduous duty of aide to General Lafayette until Lord Cornwallis' Army was captured at York. I was not at the capture on account [indecipherable word or words²] disposition and lameness in one of my feet – and after the capture of Lord Cornwallis I received permission to return home having faithfully been in service for six months as aide aforesaid when I resigned. I further state that I was an officer during all the service I performed during the revolutionary war as I have stated in the militia service of minute man and as aide to General Lafayette in the regular Army of the Continental line – After the revolutionary war was over I lived in the State of Virginia until the year 1792 when I removed to Kentucky Mercer County where I have resided ever since and where I now reside, I further state that I have a register of my birth which is February 23rd 1749 and I have no documentary evidence of my service having long since lost or mislaid my Major's commission and my Lieutenant's commission about six years since I gave into the hands of a Mr. Depen [³] to endeavor to procure as he said land and I have never seen or heard of it since and I do not know of any person alive that I can now procure to prove my services except Colonel John Thompson and I am known to William Vanover and Thomas Allin of this County who can testify of my character and reputed Services, I further state that I am not a pensioner of the United States or of any state and I hereby relinquish all claim which I have to any other pension or annuity except the present.

Witness my hand this 14th day of March 1833

S/ G Thompson



Mercer County viz.: This day Colonel John Thompson⁴ came before me a Justice of the peace and Judge of the County Court of Mercer County and made oath to the following statement viz. I John Thompson 76 years of age do solemnly declare on oath that I am the Brother of the above Colonel George Thompson and have known him ever since I have known myself, and I have heard his statement read as signed and sworn to by him and the statements made are true as I lived in the same County and part of the time alluded to on the premises of the said George Thompson during the revolutionary war – I well recollect all the different times he has stated to Williamsburg, at Charlottesville and as aide to General Lafayette and although I was not with him yet I know that he was in the service during the time he has stated and continued to serve the

¹ Allegrus Flemmings

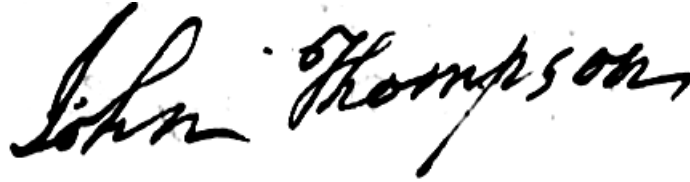
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⁴ [John Thompson S31415](#)

full time as I have no doubt from the times he left home until he returned.
Witness my hand this 14 day of March 1833.

S/ John Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail on the "n".

[William Holman, a clergyman, and Thomas Allin, Jr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$436.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service in various offices equaling 28 months in total in the Virginia militia and Continental line.]