

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Isaac Thompson S7724

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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court of Pleas Quarter Sessions October Court 1832

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said court now sitting, Isaac Thompson, a resident citizen of said County and state, aged about 77 years, who first being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of this act of Congress passed June the 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That he was first drafted under Captain John Hardin in 1776 or 1777 in the expedition against the Scotch Tories at the place then called Cross Creek (now, Fayetteville) & further ~~had a battle, and~~ went further to Black River, but got there the place of rendezvous after the Tories were defeated---that they were to have served for 6 months but after the defeat of the Tories, they were marched back to Col. Bateman's who commanded in the Cross Creek expedition, and was discharged by said Bateman at his own house in the County of ~~Burke~~ Rowan State of North Carolina---That he was as he informed born on the Dan River, but cannot say where as he came from there when a child---that he then resided in what is now the County of Burke---that when they marched to Cross Creek they went on through Salisbury and were joined on their route by large companies of militia until they got to Cross Creek, where there was a large force of American militia & Volunteers & the Scotch Tory forces being defeated---they returned home--that he was then young & ignorant, so much that he can tell but little about the officers who commanded; for that what little he then knew is now forgotten in consequence of failure of memory-- that Ruben Walker was in the same mess with him during the expedition.

That he next served for the term of 3 three months as a private under said Captain Thomas Little ~~John Hardin~~ against the Indians at what was then called Cathey's Fort in the year 1777 or early in 1778---that his next tour of service was for the term of six months at Davidson's Fort on the head of the Catawba River, and shifted from that fort to a fort on Buck Creek near the same & that they were often ranged from Cathey's Fort backwards & forwards to Davidson's fort & so on as the Indians were troublesome; that he was in one skirmish with the Indians on the north fork of the Catawba--That he was for 6 months in the expedition against the Public enemy in what was called the Wilmington expeditions, at the time that the enemy were driven from or evacuated Wilmington in the year 1781 or 1782---That he was in an expedition which took a fort called Captain Pad More's [sic, Moore's] fort, a Tory Captain, on Thicketty [Creek] in South Carolina; that Joseph McDowell was Captain under Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] when they took said fort.

I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Question: Where were you born?

Answer: On Dan River on the Virginia or NC side, I cannot say which

Question: Have you any record of your age:

Answer: No

Question: where were you living when called into service--where have you lived since & where do you now live?

Answer: I lived here when called into service and ever since and still live here. It was then called Tryon [County] as well as I recollect now Burke County.

Question: State the names of those of the regular officers who were with the troops & the other particulars of your service

Answer; I do not recollect the names of any of the Regular officers who served with us for I was generally engaged with the Indians & Tories from the time the war broke out till the Peace, for our

Country was over run with Fanning [David Fanning] & other Tories. I was once taken prisoner along with 9 men and our Captain Canada, that was on our return from the Wilmington expedition on Little River on the County of Moreland as I think it was then called.

Question; Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service & if so by whom?

Answer: Yes I received one from Col Bateman after my first expedition. I believe it was in my pocketbook when taken a prisoner by Fanning & his men never gave the book or papers or money back to me. I also lost all the papers that we had at the same time.

Question: State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your veracity & good behavior & your service in the Revolution

Answer: I think it is generally known in my neighborhood but especially by Col James Erwin, the clerk of the County Court, and Mark Britain, Esquire.

S/ Isaac Thompson, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court this 22nd day of October

S/ J. E. Erwin, Clerk