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Pension application of James Thompson S32014

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State of Georgia, County of Madison: Court of Ordinary May Term 1833

On this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before James Long, John Meroney and Noah W. Pittman, Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting as a court of Ordinary, James Thompson a resident of Capt. Sea's Company District of Georgia Militia in the County of Madison & State of Georgia, aged sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order of obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United State under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: he entered as a volunteer in March seventeen hundred & seventy six under Captain \_\_\_ [blank in original] Cain, the whole under the command of General Charles McDowel [sic, then Colonel Charles McDowell], and served until September following, being a tour of six months. This service was performed at Cathey's Fort in Burke County North Carolina on the head of the Catawba River, for the protection of the Frontier from the depredations of the Indians.

The next was a tour of duty of three months under Capt. Thomas Kennedy, he commenced this service in May seventeen hundred & seventy seven and continued until the August following, making the three months as aforesaid. This service was performed at John Davidson's Fort, Burke County North Carolina in protecting and guarding the frontier from the depredations of the Indians.

The next was a tour of duty of three months in the same kind of service as aforesaid at George Davidson's, Burke County North Carolina under Capt. Smith commencing in July seventeen hundred & seventy eight and continued until October following.

The next was a tour of duty of two months in the same kind of service as aforesaid at Templeton's Station in Burke County North Carolina under Capt. John McDaniel commencing in July seventeen hundred & seventy nine and continued until September following.

The next was a tour of duty of three months commencing in May seventeen hundred & eighty and continued in service until August following, making the three months as aforesaid, under Capt. Camp, the whole under the command of Generals Charles McDowell and Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. While in this service the British light horse & Tories fell in with this detachment of troops then under the command of Genl Charles McDowell at the house of Hampton on Green River in South Carolina and killed three of the Americans and wounded several. This deponent with several others were ordered as a scout to proceed the morning before this skirmish and make what discoveries they could in regard to the British and Tories and did not return until after the engagement.

The next was a tour of duty of three months under Capt. Samuel Woods & Genl Charles McDowell at the battle of King's Mountain, and also Major Joseph McDowel [sic, Joseph McDowell] who commanded as a Major in this engagement. He commenced this service in August seventeen hundred & eighty and continued until November

following making the term last aforesaid and was the first of his company that fired a gun in said battle.

The next was a tour of duty of three weeks under Major Joseph McDowell against the Cherokee Indians. He commenced this tour in May seventeen hundred & eighty one and served as last aforesaid. In this expedition the party, consisting of about eighty men, preceded into the Cherokee Nation, burned two of their towns & killed five Indians. The whole of this service he performed as a private.

He resided in Burke County North Carolina when he entered the service. He was no engagement with the British except that already stated at King's Mountain with the British and Tories. He was engaged in several skirmishes with the Indians. He had no regular marches except what was necessary in protecting the Frontiers of North & South Carolina and the expedition into the Cherokee Nation. He was not acquainted with any of the regular officers. He has no discharge nor no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

In answer to the interrogations prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the court, he answereth as follows, to wit:

Answer to first Interrogatory: He was born the 18th day of December 1763 in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ [blank in original] in the State of Pennsylvania.

Answer to second Inter: He has a record of his age at his house

Answer to third Inter: He was living in Burke County North Carolina where he resided until after the treaty of peace, he then removed to Wilkes County Georgia; from thence within the bounds of Madison County Georgia where he has resided ever since.

Answer to fourth Inter: He volunteered.

Answer to fifth Inter: He has stated all that he now recollects on that subject in his declaration.

Answer to sixth Inter: He never received a discharge.

Answer to seventh Inter: He refers you to Robert Griffith, Col. Samuel Groves, Col. Gabriel Nash, George Eberhart, William Hodge, James Long &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Thompson