

Pension Application for James Thompson

W.18125 (Widow: Elizabeth) Elizabeth McGill and James Thompson married January 20, 1785. James died March 22, 1821.

State of New York

Otsego County SS

To the Hon. John C. Calhoun Secretary of the War Department of the United States.

The petition & declaration of James Thompson of the Town of Cherry Valley in the County of Otsego & State of New York, aged fifty six and upwards on oath setteth forth & declares that on the seventeenth day of February 1777, he enlisted as a private soldier in Capt. Robert McKean's Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment of the New York line of Continental troops. That he continued to serve in said Regiment until the eight day of June 1783 when he received an honorable discharge signed by his excellency the commander in chief to which was annexed a certificate of the badge of merit, which said discharge is now lost.

The said James on oath further declares that he fought in the action against the common enemy at the action at the taking of Burgoyne, and at the Battle of Monmouth & was at the Siege of Yorktown in Virginia and several skirmishes.

And the said James farther says on oath, that he has had seventeen children of his own by one wife to bring up & several grand children and is now in low circumstances and in consequence thereof is in need of assistance from the county for support.

And he further says that he is informed that by an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the war of the Revolution".

The Secretary of the War Department can place certain persons on the pension list and in case the Hon. Secretary should be of opinion that he the said James is entitled to it, he prays that he may be placed there accordingly. (Signed) James Thompson

Sworn & Subscribed this 2d day of April 1818 before me. James S. Campbell one of Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Otsego in the State of New York.