

Pension Application for John Thompson

S.42476

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this fifth day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said County, (to wit) a Court of Common Pleas John Thompson aged 70 years, resident in the town of Cato in said county, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: a private in Capt Hallet's Company in the second regiment of the N.Y. line of the Army of the US commanded by Col. Philip VanCortlandt. Reference [Reference] to his original declaration stated 28th April 1818 will more particularly show. His pension Certificate is Number (9.343)

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Real Estate. Born poor, never had any that he claimed till two years ago he went into a lot in the military tract which he supposed to be the County lot for which he served. He is subject to an [?] suit now pending.

Personal property under Execution wholly. Occupation Carpenter unable to follow it for ten years last past. Wife Mary aged 56 yrs. Consumptive for many years. Two last infirm creatures [?] constitute his family. (Signed with his mark) John Thompson

Sworn to and declared on the fifth day of July before me, Rufus Sheldon Judge of Cayuga Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated October 6, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of a John Thompson who was born about 1751 and died about 1930.

The only record found similar to your description of John Thompson is given herein as found in pension claim, S.422476, based upon the Revolutionary War service of John Thompson.

He enlisted at Fishkill, New York, in January 1776, and served as private in Captains Charles Graham's and Hallet's Companies in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's New York regiment. He was at the capture of Burgoyne and in the battle of Monmouth and was discharged sometime in June, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 28, 1818, at which time he was sixty-seven years of age and was living in Cato, Cayuga County, New York.

In 1820 he stated that his wife, Mary, maiden name not given, was fifty-eight years of age. The papers in this claim contain no further data relative of the soldier's family.