

Pension Application for Thomas Thomson or Thompson

W.3622 (Widow: Ruhama) Ruhama Grandy married Thomas Thompson September 2, 1797. Thomas died March 14, 1848.

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State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this nineteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery aforesaid now sitting Thomas Thompson a resident of the town of Charlestown in said Court of Montgomery aged seventy 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 June 7th 1832, that is to say—

That according to the best of his deponent knowledge & belief he will on the seven;nth day of June next be seventy one years of age.

That he was born at a place called Chestnutridge in Dutchess [Dutchess] County, State of New York in the town he thinks then called Batema Town.

That he continued to reside at the place of his birth until after he was married & had four children & must have been about 26 years old, when he removed to Stephentown in the County of Rensselaer [Rensselaer] in the same state where he stayed a few months & removed to Philipstown about 12 miles from the last mentioned place.

That after staying about four years in Philipstown he removed to Easttown Washington County in said state. That after making several other removals he [the] said deponent finally settled about twenty six years ago in the town of Charlestown & County of Montgomery & State of New York where he has continued to reside ever since.

That in the year 1776 when this deponent was about fourteen years old he enlisted in Dover near his place of residence for five months into the company of William Pierce, and of which company Benjamin Elliot was first & one Brother second Lieutenant. The company belonged to Colonel Swarthout's Regiment deponent does not recollect the precise time when he enlisted as aforesaid & marched to Kingsbridge in Weschester [Westchester] County where he assisted until a few days before the battle near Brooklyn on Long Island.

That altho' the company in which declarant enlisted was not bound to march beyond the bounds of Weschester County they were persuaded by their Captain to on to Long Island. They marched through New York City & passed over to Brooklyn just in time to meet the enemy two miles back of that place where he & his company took a part & a pretty [?] in the Brooklyn on Land Island battle—after the battle declarant with his company retreated to New York at about day light and drew provisions at about nine o'clock & immediately marched for White Plains where he arrived at about 8 or 9 o'clock that night.

From thence they wen tot the west side of the North River and were engaged the residue of his time in preparing & sinking chevous de fries [Chevaux-de-fries] to prevent the British passing up that river.

They sailed up the river from thence to Fishkill where they were all discharged by their Captain telling them "Boys I have no more command over you, you are your own men again".

Declarant states that he served the greater part of the aforesaid town as a [driverman?] but in consequence of the injury of his hand occasioned by the substantial explanation of powder he was for a short time unable to do duty & was only able the latter part of the term to assist some in the aforesaid work & to carry again. He however continued the whole time with the army &c to do faithfully such duties as directed by his officers.

Declarant further states that from the time he was discharged as aforesaid until the first of April in the year of General Sullivan's [Sullivan's] Campaign in the annexed declaration of this deponent mentioned this deponent was out three months either as a draft substitute or volunteer this deponent does not recollect which but he recollects that he & his fellows were collected together in Dover out of Colonel Moorehouse's Regiment marched to Salem where they were mustered under Colonel Field.

From thence they went onto the lines & kept guard the residue of the term [?] occasionally with expeditions against the enemy on one of which under Major Fish they took & killed nine of the enemy's horse at one William's house ta the foot of Valentine hill about 1 ½ miles from Kings bridge.

Declarant further states that after the last mentioned service of three months he was living with the widow Swift in the town of Kent in Connecticut, during which time her son was drafted to serve two months. That declarant became a substitute for the said young man and went in the company of Captain Hecock to horse neck [Horseneck] where & in the viccinity [vicinity] thereof said declarant served out faithfully his said term of two months.

During this tour this deponent was engaged in frequent contests with the cowboys. During this time deponent recollects their Colonel Meade was taken prisoner by a party of the enemy from Meade was taken prisoner by a party of the enemy from Long Island & compelled to sign his parol—

In these two last tours this declarant does not recollect many of his officers— Declarant further states that the statement made in the amended declaration of this deponent made on the tenth day of April 1818 before Alexander Sheldon Esquire first Judge of Montgomery County and certified by him is in all rlespects true and that the discharge given by Gilbert Livingston & copied in said declaration lwas actually received from the said Gilbert as mentioned in said declaration and was produced before the said Alexander Sheldon at the time said certificate of said Alexander was affixed & said declaration and was afterwards, delivered by this deponent to Captain Thomas Machin to enable him to aid this deponent in obtaining a pension under the act of 1818 and has ever since been withheld from this deponent under pretext of having lost them.

Declarant further states that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever for a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Thomas Thomson

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson,
clerk