

Pension Application for John Thompson

S.40,562

State of Ohio

Butler County SS.

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at Hamilton in the County of Butler aforesaid on the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty before the honourable Joshua Collett Esquire President and his associates Judges of the said court, the same Court of Common Pleas being a court of record expressly created a court of record by the laws and ordinances of the State of Ohio with jurisdiction unlimited in civil cases and with power to fine and imprison personally appeared in open court John Thompson aged eighty three (1) years resident in Fairfield Township in the said County of Butler who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, I enlisted at Bunker Hill on the Continental establishment in the year of [blank] for during the war in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Gainsworth [Gansevoort] in the company commanded by Captain Braun (Bruyn) being the Third Regiment in the New York Line at the end of the war I was discharged at Snake Hill in the State of New York. My original declaration for a pension was made on or about the twelfth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. My pension certificate is numbered five thousand four hundred and sixty one.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 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 eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen" and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property 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 (to wit) property I have none nor have I any family.—my occupation is that of a shoe maker, but from age and debility have not been able to pursue it for some time since—at the time I made my declaration for a pension I was a pauper supported by the inhabitants of the township in which I resided and continued a township charge until I received my pension. (Signed with his mark) John Thompson

Sworn to and declared on the 1st day of September 1820, before the Judges above named. John Reily, Clerk

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Personally appeared before Daniel Milliken as associate judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Butler in the state aforesaid, John Thompson who being duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that some time in the commencement of the month of July in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five he enlisted as a common soldier into the service of the United States in the New York Line for five months in the company of Captain Daniel Denton (2) commanded by General Schuyler (3) at Goshen in the State of New York, and marched from thence to Fort St. John's (4) that he was present during the siege & capture of that place this deponent further saith that on the expiration of said five months at Albany in the State of New York he was discharged, on the evening next after said discharge. This deponent at Albany, reenlisted as a private soldier into the service of the United States in the New York Line in the Third Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Gensworth [Gansevoort] (5) in the company commanded by Captain Forsyth. This last mentioned enlistment was to serve during the war then existing between Great Britain and the United States. This deponent served in said regiment until the spring of the year of seventeen hundred and eighty to the best of this deponent's recollection and belief the deponent was transferred to the first regiment of the New York Line commanded by Colonel Vanscyos [Van Schaick] into the company of Captain Cornelius Johnston (6) this deponent faithfully served in the said last mentioned regiment until the close of the said war some time in the spring eighteen hundred and eighty three at Snake Hill near New Windsor in the State of New York as this deponent verily believes he was discharged until called for he then received a written discharge to that effect which he has lost. This deponent further saith that he now resides in the county of Butler aforesaid and that from old age infirmities & his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of the country for support & further this deponent saith not. (Signed with his mark) John Thompson

Sworn to & subscribed before me this twelfth day of May AD 1818.

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On the twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen before Daniel Milliken an associate judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Butler in the seventh circuit in the State of Ohio personally appeared John Thompson who being duly sworn by me doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of a late 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. That in or about the beginning of July in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five about three weeks after the battle of Bunker Hill being at Poughkeepsie in New York he enlisted to serve as a private or common soldier into the company commanded by Captain Daniel Denton in the regiment, he does not recollect whether they were attached to any regiment they were marched to Albany from thence to Saratoga from thence to Fort Miller from thence to Lake George & to Ticonderoga from thence to Fort St. John's he was engaged and present at the capture of the last mentioned fort a few days afterwards, General Schuyler became sick & the said John together with thirteen others were appointed to conduct the General from Fort St. Johns to Ticonderoga. They proceeded in a barge which was carried from Lake Champlain to Lake George after passing over Lake George the barge was carried to a branch of Hudson, they then proceeded in said barge to Albany on their arrival the said John was immediately discharged verbally by General Schuyler about two weeks before his time of service had expires & he was requested by General Schuyler to enlist under Colonel Peter Gainsworth [Gansevoort] who at that time was recruiting in Albany on the same day of the last mentioned discharge he enlisted to serve as a private soldier into the company commanded by Captain Thomas Dewitt in the Third Regiment in the New York Line commanded by Colonel Peter Gainsworth, Lieutenant Colonel Willett & Major Cohern or Cochran [Cochran] said John enlisted in the last mentioned company to serve during the existence of the war between the United States & Great Britain. The said regiment last mentioned marched to Fort Stanwix (7) where they were besieged twenty one days immediately after the siege the said John was transferred from the company of Captain Dewitt to the company of Captain Forsyth in the same regiment.

The said regiment then marched to Albany from thence to West Point from thence to the White Plains the said John believes that either at West Point or the White Plains he was transferred to the company commanded by Captain Cornelius Johnston into the first regiment in the New York Line commanded by Colonel VanSeyoc [VanSchaick] this happened a short time before the capture of said Cornwallace [Cornwallis] at York Town they marched to York Town & was engaged in the siege & capture of said Cornwallace. (8) They then marched to Pompton in New Jersey where they remained & during the winter in the ensuing spring they marched to Plank Point opposite to Stony Point on the North River [Hudson] where they remained during summer in the fall they marched to Snake Hill in the State of New York & remained during the winter, some time in the spring of seventeen hundred & eighty three at Snake Hill he was dismissed until called for by General Washington. This discharge or dismissal was partly printed & partly written he has since lost it he was not afterwards called the said John further declares under oath that he is sixty seven years of age & that from his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he aforesaid services were performed during the Revolutionary War on the Continental Establishment the said John further declares he was no other evidence now within his power to procure of having performed the aforesaid services. (Signed with his mark)

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th day of July AD 1818. Daniel Milliken
Reply to letter requesting information, dated September 22, 1930.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.40562, that John Thompson enlisted in July, 1775, and served five months as a private in Captain Daniel Denton's New York company, and was at the siege and capture of Saint Johns. Immediately after the above service, he enlisted and served in Captains Thomas DeWitt's and Forsyth's companies, Colonel Peter Gansevoort's New York Regiment, until the spring of 1780, when he was transferred to Captain Cornelius Johnston's company, Colonel Van Schaick's New York Regiment; was at the siege of Yorktown and served until the spring of 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 12, 1818, at which time he was living in Butler County, Ohio, and was aged sixty-seven years.

He died March 2, 1836.

It is not stated whether soldier was ever married.

End Notes—John Thompson—S.40562

1. John Thompson in his 1820 application states conflicts with the 1818 application. In 1818b he is 67 years old plus he states in the 1820 application that he enlisted at Bunker Hill and in 1818, he states that he enlisted about three weeks after Bunker Hill. His memory is faulty in 1820 more so than in 1818. In 1820 he states that he enlisted in Captain brown's Company. Jacobus S. Bruyn was a Captain in the Third New York Continental Regiment. There is a John Thompson in the company who is 28 and from Walkkill. In his 1818 application he states he enlisted in Captain Daniel Denton's Company. There is a John Thompson aged 26 born in old England and a Jonathan Thompson aged 25 born in New Jersey. In both applications he is wrong as the Colonel of the Third New York. In June 30, 1775, James Clinton was Colonel of the Third New York. On March 28, 1776 it was Ruldophus Ritzema who was Colonel. On November 21, 1776, the New York Continental Regiments were re-organized more commonly called the third establishment, Peter Gansevoort was appoint Colonel of the Third New York.
2. According to the July 22, 1775 muster roll of Captain Denton's Company, the following information was extracted: *John Thompson enlisted July 5, 1775 (this date corresponds the closest to his date of enlistment), age 26, born in old England and his occupation is a labourer. He is described as 5 feet 10 1/2 inches, brown hair and blue eyes.* FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls. 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, Folder 38, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Major General Philip Schuyler of Albany, N.Y.
4. The Siege of St. Johns, Canada from September to November 3, 1775.
5. John is again mistaken. He enlisted as a private on June 8, 1777 in Captain Thomas DeWitt's Company in the Third New York. There is no Captain Forsyth in the Third New York.
6. On January 1, 1781, the 5 New York Continental Regiments were consolidated. John was transferred into the First New York Continental Regiment. John appears in May of 1782 in Captain Cornelius T. Jansen's Company. . FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls. 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, Folder 11, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
7. Fort Schuyler (Fort Stanwix) in present day Rome, NY, was besieged in August of 1777 for 21 days. John doesn't mention it but the Third New York also participated in 1779 in the General John Sullivan's and James Clinton's Expedition against the Iroquois in the western part of New York.
8. The Siege of Yorktown, Virginia, was from September 28 to October 19, 1781.