

Pension Application for Epaphras Thompson or Thomson

S.40,566

Private, Col. Sheldon, Connecticut line for six years. In a letter requesting information, a descendant (Mrs. Hazle Thompson Anderson from Detroit, Michigan) said that Epaphras served as a private in the Revolutionary War in Captain John Webb's Troops, 2nd Regiment of Light Dragoons, Continental Troops. He enlisted May 24, 1777 to June 10, 1780 His home was at Saybrook Connecticut.

District of Pennsylvania

Northumberland County SS.

On the 20th day of August 1820 appeared in open Court of Common Pleas held in the Borough of Sunbury for the County of Northumberland being a Court of Record and proceeding according to the course of Common Law with Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and expressly made a Court of Record by act of assembly of this state Epaphras Thompson aged sixty four years resident in the County of Northumberland in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the Corps Commanded by . . . Wadsworth in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Elisha Sheldon, and that he made his original declaration on the 22d day of April 1818 and obtained his pension his certificate is No 8878 and dated the 17th of March 1819 and I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed [sic] 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 the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th of March 1818 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 I am by trade a silver smith but cannot regularly follow it on account of bodily infirmity. I have no family except my wife Margaret aged 68 years is not and has been infirm for some years. Signed Epaphras Thompson

Sworn & Subscribed in open Court August 21, 1820. Andrew Albright, Prot.

Schedule of Property

1 Horse \$27.00

7b knives & 7 forks .75

1 Table 1.50

1 Tea Kettle & skillet 1.25

1 dox plates .75

2 bowls & 5 cups & saucers .50

1 pitcher 6

7 Chairs 4.15

1 Chest 1.50

Signed Epaphrus Thompson

Sworn and Subscribed in Open Court August 21, 1820. Andrew Albright. Prothy [Prothonotary. The title Prothonotary means first officer. As the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas Civil Division, under the supervision of the judges of this court, the Prothonotary generally has the power to sign and affix the seal of the court to all writs and processes, and, also to the exemplifications of all records and process.]

The Court are of opinion that the above valuation is correct and that it amounts to \$38.56.

State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS.

On this twenty second day of April AD 1818 before me the subscriber, President Judge of the Eleventh Judicial district in the common wealth of Pennsylvania, personally appears Epaphras Thompson, aged sixty two years, resident in the said County of Luzerne, in the State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the 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 he the said Epaphras Thompson enlisted in Seabrook in the state of Connecticut the 24th May 1777 in the company commanded by Captain Wadsworth in the 2d Regt of Lt. Dragoons of the State of Connecticut, commanded by Col. Elisha Sheldon that he continued to serve in the said corps and in the service of the United States until the close of the Revolutionary War when he was discharged from service in Danbury, State of Connecticut, that he was in the battles of Germantown, at Monmouth, and that he received the enclosed certificate from [?] from Col. Talmadge and he is the person mentioned therein. That he rec'd a discharge that he sent it to procure his land.

And that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for Support—and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) Epapras Thompson

Sworn to, subscribed and declared, Before me, the day and year aforesaid. Th. Burnside.

Letter in the file dated May 7, 1931, responding to a request for information.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.40566, that Epaphras Thomson or Thompson enlisted at Saybrook [It is Saybrook. Located where the Connecticut River meets Long Island Sound.], Connecticut on May 24, 1777, as a private in the 2d Regiment of Light Dragoons which was commanded by Colonel Elisha Sheldon. He served in this regiment until the close of the Revolution, a part of the time was in Captain Wodsworth's Company. He was in the battles of Germantown and Monmouth.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 22, 1818, at which time he was sixty-two years of age and was living in Exeter, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

In 1820 he was living in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and he then stated that his wife, Margaret, was sixty-eight years of age. There are no further data relative to the soldier's family.

This certifies that Epaphras Thompson enlisted into the 2d Regt., Lt Dragoons, commanded by Colo. Elisha Sheldon on the 24th day of May A.D. 1777, & that he continued in the 2d Regiment until the Close of the Revolutionary War.

Extracted from the Regimental Books kept by me & now before me. Benj'n Tallmadge, late a Major 2d Regt. Lt. Dragoons.

Litchfield Court Feb'y 6th 1818.