

Pension Application for John Thompson

S.29505

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS

On this nineteenth day of October 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 in and for said County now sitting John Thompson a resident of the City of Schenectady in said County & State aged seventy eight 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.

He was born in the then township now City of Schenectady in the County of Albany (now Schenectady) in the State of New York on the twenty first day of June 1755.

He has no record of his age except that contained in the Register of British of the Episcopal Church Schenectady.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution he was living in said township and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the same place and now lives in the city aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

On the 15th day of March 1776, he enlisted in Captain John Vernor's Company (he believes) the QuarterMaster's Department on the Continental Establishment. He served in said company pursuant to his enlistment for the term of nine months at Albany, Saratoga, Coeyman's, Dobb's Ferry, Tarrytown, Dover, Nine Partners & other places.

The claimant aided in guarding as well as in the transportation of the public stores.

He served also while in said Company at Troy in preparing posts &c for stockades, marched to Schodack with 5 companies & engaged in the felling of timber for the use of the American army—while at Saratoga where he remained about two months he assisted in erecting fortifications.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: General Schuyler, Colonel Charistopher C. Yates, Captains Leffeler & VanEveren.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except William Corl whose deposition is hereunto annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to 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 with his mark) John Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman,
Clerk

Letter in folder dated December 9, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letters in which your request information regarding John Stevens, baptized March 31, 1745 who served in the New York troops, William Stevens, baptized September 10, 1732, and John Thompson, of Schenectady, New York, a pensioner.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no record found of claims for pension or bounty land on file based upon service of William Stevens and John Stevens as described by you. Such claims made to the United States are the source of Revolutionary War data furnished by this office. The record of John Thompson has been found and is furnished herein as shown in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.29505.

John Thompson was born June 21, 1755 in Schenectady, then in Albany county, New York; the names of his parents are not given.

While a resident of Schenectady, New York, he enlisted March 15, 1776, as private in Captain John Vernor's company, Quarter Master's Department, and served nine months under Captains Jacobus, or James, Peck, Simon DeGraff, Leffeler, and VanEveren and was discharged from Colonel Christopher Yates, New York Regiment.

He applied for pension October 19, 1832, while a resident of Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York; he had continued to live there all his life time. His claim was allowed.

The soldier died September 21, 1836 in Schenectady, New York. He was not survived by wife or children.

In January 1839, John Thompson, Jr., of Schenectady, New York, was the nearest kin and only heir of the soldier, John Thompson; the relationship between them is not shown in this pension claim.