

Pension Application for John Thompson

W.18138 (Widow: Rhoda) Rhoda Hull and John Thompson married November 27, 1788. John died June 25, 1841.

In a deposition dated November 27, 1832, John states: "In the year 1778 this deponent lived in Cherry Valley & was obliged by law to do duty in the militia of that town. Sometime in that year, he thinks about the month of February he was called out in Capt. Thomas Whitaker's company in Col. Samuel Campbell's regiment—served a very short time in said company (how long he cannot exactly recollect) and was drafted out of said company into Capt Holbard, Vanderwerker's Company in Col. Auldin's Regiment as a nine months man and actually served in said company as this deponent now verily believes until about the 11th November 1778 when Cherry Valley was destroyed & Col. Auldin killed by the Indians.

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State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this 8th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me James O. Morse First Judge of Otsego County John Thompson a resident of the town of Cherry Valley in said County who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath depose & declare for the purpose of amending (according to the instructions of the department of war) his declaration heretofore made by him in open court before the Court of Common of said County on the 25th day of June last part in support of his claim to a pension under the act of Congress of June 7, 1832 an exemplification of which is hereto annexed as follows.

This deponent says that on reviewing his said declaration returned to him for the department & hereto annexed he discovers a mistake in the statement of the first service herein set forth & begs leave to rectify the same at this time. He did not perceive the error at the time of making his said declaration. He thinks it must have arisen from the inadvertence of the servicemen who drew the same & from the great haste in which it was drawn.

The said service should have been stated & was in fact after the following manner.

That sometime in the spring of the year 1778 he this deponent was ordered out in the militia under Capt. Thomas Whitaker of Cherry Valley & was shortly after drafted out of this company to serve in the Continental army in Capt. Hobb and Vanderwerker's company as a nine months man & did serve there the said term of 9 months. He then joined captain Bollards company in Col. Audlin's [Alden's] regiment as a private soldier & served in said company at Cherry Valley aforesaid all of the following winter & a part of the next spring as much as 6 months making from the time he was first called out in the militia under Capt. Whitaker in the spring of 1778 until he was discharged from Capt. Ballards company in the spring of 1779 the full term of Eleven months service actually performed by this deponent as a soldier and not under civil contract.

The next service this deponent performed in the war of the Revolution was as follows.

In the month of February in the year 1780 he voluntarily enlisted into the Continental service under the command of Captain John Denny of Albany, Lieutenant Duncan Campbell of Schenectady & marched to Fishkill where he was engaged in transporting provision &c to West Point.

This deponent says that the terms of this said enlistment were. That he should serve one year in the said company. That his employment was to be transporting provision &c but that he should take arms & fight whenever it might become necessary or expedient. He always considered that he was in the regular service as a soldier at this time & performed his services under that impression. He was discharged at Fishkill in 11 months from the time of his said enlistment & one month previous to the expiration of the full term for which he enlisted.

And this deponent further declares that after his return from this last mentioned service he voluntarily enlisted into the Continental army as a private soldier in a company commanded by Captain VanEaver in Col. Willet's regiment & that Major Rowley was in the same service that he this deponent remained in this service 3 years until the close of the Revolutionary war & was employed in keeping garrison at Fort Ehle in the now county of Montgomery standing sentry &c that while in this service he was engaged in the battle fought at Johnstown with the Indians & British.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state.
(Signed) John Thompson.

Sworn & Subscribed this 8th day of November 1832 before me. James O. Morse
First Judge of Otsego Co.

Family Record

John Thompson was born March 14, 1761, and married November 27, 1788.

Rhoda Hull was born December 2, 1771.

Stephen Thompson born February 20, 1790

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John Thompson born February 3, 1793.

Mary Thompson born October 11, 1795.

Iram Thompson born February 20, 1798.

Philo Thompson born July 8, 1800.

Clinton Thompson born November 22, 1802, died in 1803.

Moses Thompson born October 10, 1805.

David Goodart Thompson born July 18, 1807.

Joseph White Thompson born October 10, 1809.