

Pension Application for William Thompson

R.21794

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 28th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court, the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington and in the State aforesaid being a court of record now sitting, William Thompson a resident of Salem in the County of Washington and State of New York, aged seventy four years and ten months, 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 he enlisted [into] the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1777 in a company of militia, commanded by Captain Samuel Hodge, said Hodge then lived in the Town of Cambridge in the County of Washington, (now called White Creek) the Ensign of said Company was named Hasbrouck and the name of the Lieutenant was Smith, but this deponent has forgotten the given names of said last named officers—said Company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis VanWort—that in the month of May 1777—this deponent marched from Cambridge, to Stillwater In the (now) county of Saratoga, that he remained at Stillwater, a week or ten days from there he marched to Saratoga in said Company to guard a number of wagons, that were loaded with ammunition, [???] from thence we returned home to Cambridge, having been Absent two weeks as he thinks.

And this deponent further says, that in the Summer of 1777 he was ordered to go to what was called Jessups Patent, near Lake George to meet the enemy that that [sic] that he went as far as Fort Edward, and was ordered to remain there a few days, and he then returned home having been absent eight days.

And this deponent further says that during the same season, he was ordered to go to Fort Edward, and went accordingly, and was absent fourteen days.

And this deponent further says that he was ordered to go to what was then called New-Perth now Salem, In the County of Washington to guard the Fort In that place, and was there a week or more under the command of Colonel Joseph McCracken, in; a few days. Colonel VanWoert came to Salem, (then New Perth) and this deponent went to Williamstown in the State of Massachusetts, and was gone two months, this deponent drove a team & assisted in moving effects to get them out of the reach of the enemy, as it was then; expected that General Burgoyne would march through as he was making progress in that direction.

And this deponent further says, that after he returned to Cambridge he went in company with Hugh Thompson, to Saratoga, said Thompson died about fourteen years ago—this deponent was present at Saratoga at the taking of Burgoyne on the 17th of October 1777—that after the taking of General Burgoyne, this deponent returned home, and was absent from home on duty at different places and time three months that reason being returned home the last of October.

And this deponent further hat in the spring of 1778 in the month of May he was ordered out in that company, which was commanded by Captain John McKillip, the

name of the first Lieutenant was Andrew Thompson who was the father of this deponent said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by [?] Lewis VanWort and went to Saratoga, where he remained one night, & then marched to Fort Edward where they remained between two and three weeks and then returned home having been absent three weeks.

That during the summer of 1778, this deponent out on duty a month or more. That in the Fall of 1778, he was ordered to a place called PalmerTown about seven miles north of Saratoga Springs. That the officers that commanded the company at this time was James Morrison who was Lieutenant. The [station?] to ;which this deponent went was commanded by Major James Ashton, he remained at Palmer-Town (so called) three weeks, and then returned home having been absent from home at that place and going to and from home one month.

And this deponent further says that in the summer season of 1779. We was ordered out; in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Thompson, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis VanWoert to go to Bulwagga Bay at Crown Point to take provisions to the boats of the Canadians, Indians, British and Torys, that were marched in that bay near Crown Point. This deponent was gone from home month at that time.

And this deponent further says that in the month of October 1780 this deponent was ordered to go to White Hall in the now County of Washington, in the Company of Captain Andrew Thompson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis VanWort—that said company marched from Cambridge to Granville and encamped and remained there two weeks. [?] shooting parties were sent to White Hall and about at different places, that this deponent returned home to Cambridge in said Company.

And this deponent further says, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

And this deponent in answer to the interrogatories put by the court says.

1. That he was born in the Town of Londonderry in the State of New Hampshire in the year 1758.

2. That he has no record at his age, that he was informed by his parents that he was known at the time of the place of aforesaid.

3. That when called into the service he lived in the Town of Cambridge, now County of Washington, that he lived in Cambridge until 1782 and then removed to Salem, where he resided seven years. That he then removed to the Town of Lansingburgh in the County of Rensselaer & State of New York. That he lived in Lansingburgh twenty seven years, but he then removed to Salem where he has resided ever since.

4. That he was a volunteer, the first time he went out and was always drafted after that, when he was in the service.

5. That the names of the officers were as stated above in his declaration.

6. That he never received a discharge – and this deponent further says, that he believes, that the Reverend Doctor Alexander Proudfit of Salem and Peter

Cranksbushes who reside in the same town with this deponent are well acquainted with him, that Samuel Thompson of Jackson in the County of Washington and State of New York was knowing to his being out at some of the times mentioned in his declaration. (Signed) William Thompson

Sworn & Subscribed in open court this 28th day of August 1833. J. S. Leigh
Clk.