THOMPSON, ALGERNON P. - Born in New York in 1818. In applying for a pension in 1870, Mr. Thompson signed an affidavit in which he briefly reviewed his life in Texas. In November, 1835, he enrolled as a lieutenant in New York City in a company of volunteers being recruited for the army of Texas by Colonel Edward H. Stanley. The men sailed on in *Matawaneag*. The vessel was captured by a British cruiser and detained for thirty days at Nassau, New Providence.

Finally after waiting for a convoy by the Texas Navy the volunteers arrived off the coast of Texas, March 2, 1836. They were ordered to proceed to Matagorda, thence to re-inforce the command of Colonel James W. Fannin. Upon reaching Matagorda the men composing the expedition learned that they had the right to elect their own officers and Mr. Thompson, not being elected lieutenant, he joined the company of Captain Louis P. Cook. When news were received of the capture of Fannin, Mr. Thompson requested, and was given, permission to proceed to the headquarters of the army under the command of General Houston. Traveling alone, he reached the army while it was camped at Mill Creek in the present county of Austin and was assigned to Captain Robert J. Calder's Company. In consequence of being armed with a musket and bayonet, for the sake of uniformity of arms, he was ordered on April 20th by Adjutant General John S. Wharton, transferred to Captain William S. Fisher's company in which company he participated in the skirmish on the 20th and the main battle on the 21st. After the battle he returned to Captain Calder's Company and remained in it until he was furloughed. The Mexicans having made a
second invasion of Texas as far as the Nueces he, in obedience to
orders issued by President Burnet, joined the army at Victoria under
General Rusk and was assigned to his original company commanded by
Captain Louis P. Cook, remaining in it until again furloughed.

In Service Record No. 9297 it is certified that Mr. Thompson
served as a second lieutenant in the corps of New York Volunteers N
from November 21, 1835 to March 1, 1836. He was issued Bounty Cer-
tificate No. 3730 for 960 acres of land June 6, 1836 for having ser-
vived in the army from January 5, to October 5, 1836. On May 15, 1838
he received Donation Certificate No. 18 for 640 acres for having
participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

Mr. Thompson served as a clerk under William S. Fisher, Secret-
tary of War, and under Asa Brigham, auditor at Columbia. He was a
volunteer in the army in 1842 and 1843. In 1839 he moved to Houston
where he resided until his death in 1873. On March 9, 1839 he was
married to Louisa LaGrange Stanley by Rev. R. M. Chapman.

Mr. Thompson was a prominent attorney in Houston. In 1867 he
was a member of the law firm of A. P. and S. W. Thompson with offices
in the Van Alstyne Building, Houston.

Editor of "The People."

Name omitted

THOMPSON, A. P. -- A charter member of the first Independent
Order of Odd Fellows Lodge of Texas, organized at Houston, July 25,
1838.
State of Texas )
Harris County ) Before me the undersigned Notary Public in and
for said State and County, personally appeared Algernon P. Thompson,
to me well and personally known, and in support of his application
under the Pension Act, approved August 13, 1870, upon oath said:

That, to wit in the month of November A. D. 1835, he entered the
service of the Provisional government of Texas as a lieutenant in
the army, at the city of New York, and received a commission as such,
under the authority of Messrs, Stephen F. Austin, John A. Wharton,
and Branch T. Archer, Commissioners of said provisional government
to raise men and money for the purpose of effecting the revolution
which separated Texas from Mexico. That said Commissioners fitted
out an expedition from New York for Texas, which was placed under
the command of Colonel Edward H. Stanley, by whom this dependent's
commission was signed. That the said expedition sailed from New
and York for Texas, to wit in said month of November - that this deponent
made part of said expedition with the rank of Lieutenant as
aforesaid, and a part of a company of volunteers under deponent's
subordinate command. That the vessel in which said expedition sailed
was named the *A*atawankeag. That after several days, - first by
capture by a British cruiser, which detained us prisoners for to wit
thirty days at Nassau, New Providence; and afterwards in waiting
for convoy by the Texian Navy, at the mouth of the Mississippi, -
the said expedition arrived off the coast of Texas, to wit on the
2nd, day of March A. D. 1836, whence it was ordered to proceed under
like convoy to Matagorda, thence to re-inforce the army of the
Republic (independence having been in the meantime declared) under
the command of Colonel J. W. Fannin. That on his arrival at Mat-
agorad, this deponent discovered that the men composing said expe-
dition had or claimed a right to choose their own officers, and that
his commission as lieutenant had no further force. The whole com-
mand was then reorganized. Whereupon this deponent volunteered as
a private in the company of Captain Louis P. Cook. News having been
received of the capture of Col. Fannin's command, this deponent ob-
tained leave of said Capt. Cook, to proceed to the head-quarters of
General Sam Houston's army, and to report himself to General Houston
for duty, and to await there the arrival of his own company. This
deponent obeyed said instructions, and, alone without companions,
overtook the main army of the Republic of Texas, at Mill Creek in
Austin County, on the retreat of said army from the Colorado to the
Brazos River. That General Houston assigned this deponent for duty
to the company commanded by Captain R. J. Calder, then of Brazoria,
now residing at Richmond, Fort Bend County. That deponent did duty
with said company until the attack of the enemy on the 20th April
1836, when, in consequence of his being armed with musket and bayonet
for the said of uniformity of arms, he was by order of Colonel Jno.
A. Wharton, Adjutant General transferred to the company commanded by
Captain William S. Fisher, with which last named company this deponent
did duty on the 20th. and 21st of April A. D. 1836, participat-
ing in the skirmish of the 20th. April and in the battle of San
Jacinto on the 21st. April A. D. 1836. That after the battle, this
deponent, by proper order, returned to the command of said Capt.
R. J. Calder with which he continued to do duty until regularly fur-
loughed. That the company of said Capt. Louis P. Cooke did not join
the army until after this deponent had been furloughed. That de-
ponent's furlough was until further order. That afterwards, the Mex-
icans having made a second invasion as far as the Nueces, in obedience
to General Orders issued by President David G. Burnet, this de-
ponent again (sic) joined the army at Victoria, under the command
of General Thomas J. Rusk. Here he found his own company, Capt.
Louis P. Cooke's, with which he did duty as a private soldier, until
again generally furloughed by General Rusk. From that time he ser-
ved in the civil departments of the government, as clerk in the war
office under W. S. Fisher, Secy. of War; as clerk in the Auditor's
office, under Asa Brigham, Auditor, at Columbia, Brazoria County,
then the seat of government; also being subject to call for military
duty, until the whole army was disbanded, under the form of a general
furlough, in 1837 or 1838. Of the subsequent services rendered by
this deponent as a soldier of a volunteer uniformed company in 1842
& 1843, this deponent sayeth nought, not being pertinent to his said
application for pension. He merely states, generally, that he obeyed
by every call made for men for military service the the constituted
authorities of the Republic of Texas, until the final annexation of
the same to the United States.

In confirmation of the foregoing and above stated facts, this
deponent says that most of them ought to appear from the archives of
the several departments, unless destroyed in the burning of the Adju-
tant General's Office. For example, his claims for services as lieut
were audited and paid by order of the Auditorial Board, established
at Houston, before which board all the necessary proofs were filed;
his claims for pay were audited by J. W. Moody, auditor and his fur-
loough filed; that he received his certificates of Bounty, one of
which he believes was No. 3720 and patented to his assignee, James W.
Henderson; also his donation warrant for having taken part in the
battle of San Jacinto, which he believes was No. 68 — which bounty
and donation warrants, he was compelled by his pecuniary necessities
to sell for a trifle. That the said Donation warrant could only be
obtained upon the certificate of two field officers that deponent did
in fact participate in said battle. And in fact said certificate was
given by two such officers, one of whom was Thomas J. Rusk, then Sec-
retary of War and afterwards General in command; the other is not
remembered, but believe to be Col. John A. Wharton or Col. Roman, as
well as now recollected, both since dead. That Captain Wm. S. Fisher
is dead, and that the affidavit of Capt. R. J. Calder is herewith
presented; and is also that of Col. Sydney Sherman.

That deponent is fifty two years of age and has resided in the
City of Houston since 1839 — and still resides in said city.

A. P. Thompson."
State of Texas  
Harris County  

Before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, personally came, Robert J. Calder, of Fort Bend County to me well known and to whose identity I certify, and upon oath said:

That he is well acquainted with Judge A. P. Thompson, of Houston in the County of Harris resident, and has known the said Algernon P. Thompson since the month of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty six; that said Thompson served as a private soldier in the army of the Republic of Texas, under the command of General Houston, throughout the campaign of the said year, namely the Spring campaign of 1836; that during the time of active operations of said campaign, the said Thompson was under the immediate command of this deponent; whose company formed part of Col. Edward Burleson's regiment; that on the twentieth (sic) day of April in said year, the said Thompson was detached from this deponent's company on account of being armed with the musket and bayonet, and temporarily attached to the command of Capt. Wm. S. Fisher, in consequence of an order of the Adjutant General, for the purpose of uniformity of arms in the battle fought on the 21st day of April A.D. 1836, known as the battle of San Jacinto; that said company in said battle was under command of Col. Millard; that after said battle the said Thompson returned to the command of this deponent, and did duty under deponent's immediate orders until regularly furloughed; that this deponent's orderly sergeant was killed in the battle, and the mus-
ter rolls of deponent's company as reported to the commanding general were doubtless incomplete, and did not include the names of those detached by said order of the Adjutant General of the 20th April A. D. 1836.

R. J. Calder.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this sixteenth day of June 1870

John W. McDonald J. P.

and Ex Officio Notary Public

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