

To His Excellency John Graves Simcoe Esq. Lieut. Governor of the Province of Upper Canada – Major General Commanding His Majesty’s Forces therein etc etc etc in Council

The Petition of Arch’d Thomson  
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner came from Britain in the year 1773 & settled at Johnstown in the province of New York, attachment to his Sovereign obliged him to leave that country in the year 1775 and leave what little property he had acquired behind him, he then entered into his Majesty’s Service at repairing the Forts of Oswegatchie & Niagara & Post St. Vincennes, went with Gov’r Abbott in 1777 & was by him appointed Master Carpenter for that Post. Gov’r Abbott being recalled, in 1778 he entered a volunteer in the Detroit Militia and was three months with Gov’r Hamilton on his expedition to post St. Visscennis, & at the first raising the Militia in this province had a Lieu’t. Commifision from his Excellency Lord Dorchester . Your petitioner has rec’d Two Hundred Acres of Land for himself and Fifty each for his Wife & seven Children He therefore prays your Excellency will grant him such a further portion of Land as you may so meet , to make a permanent settlement for his family & friends, as set forth in the following List, And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Arch’d Thomson

List of Names

Arch’d Thomson his Wife, 3 Sons & 4 Daughters

Familys on their way from Britain

Andrew Thomson his Wife & 5 Children                   ? for 400 acres           June 30 1795

David Thomson his Wife & 4 Children & Serv’t Girl           “           “

Ebinezer Cavers & Wife   “ for 200

James Elliot

Andrew Johnstone

Adam Tudhope

James Easton

Rob’t Johnstone Wife and 2 Children

Matthew Elliot Wife and 2 Children

Petition of 45  
Arch'd Thomson

Rec'd May 11 -96  
To Lic over  
Read 8<sup>th</sup> October 1796  
This settled before on  
a petition presented by  
The Surveyor General

In consideration of the Petitioners  
large family and the respectatus (?)  
done he has formerly been in  
The Administration recommends  
to the Council to order him  
700 Acres in addition

Peter Rufsell

Read 7 Feb'y 1797  
Confirmed to make up  
The lands already granted  
1200----

P.R.

Gave Entry Feb'y 1797

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