

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Tibbs R10594

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Meade County: to wit

This Day personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Joseph Tibbs, who being sworn according to law, Deposeth and saith That from Parental Record, he was born on the 10th day of January 1765 in Coccil [could be Corril]¹ County Md [either Cecil or Carroll County, Maryland] consequently is in his 89th year, that in his 16th year he crossed the Allegheny with his parents, and found a home on the Monongahela River in the State of Virginia. That two years after the Indians in that quarter being troublesome he was called into the service of the United States under a Captain John Evans and served under him a severe tour of sixty days. That in the year 1786 and 1787 he was again called into service, he then living in Nelson County Kentucky as an Indian spy serving three months in each year with James Erwine having a line of vigilance given them by a certain John Hines which began at the mouth of Salt River on the Ohio, thence down said River to the mouth of Wolff Creek; thence up the southern Jut of said Creek to a timbered point in the [indecipherable word], called Hill Grove [could be Hill Grave], thence to Jackey's [?] Grove [Grave?], thence to [2 indecipherable words] and thence by Valley Creek to the beginning point being little short of a circle of 100 miles and this region to the traversed over weekly and which duty was performed faithfully through rain & sunshine to the full satisfaction of his officer. That after this he volunteered twice to repel Indian Depredations, under a certain Captain Wm Hardin, First he was out 54 days and secondly he was out 64 days and that the first of these two tours were 67 horses, seven guns and 14 Indian scalps taken from the enemy. That in the year 1790 he served a four month tour under Colonel Hamtrauch [?], the company he belonged to being commanded by Captain McFall that in the year 1791 he served in a company of Kentuckians commanded by Captain Thomas in Oldham's Regiment and was in the Bloody Battle of the 4th of November of that year. That in 1794 he was again called upon to defend the frontiers under the worthy and Heroic Thomas was attached to Bosbeis [?] Brigade and kept old Mad Anthony Wayne on the 20th day of August 1794 to reap his laurels, and that he was honorably discharged, from all the Service, he had performed. That for some of these toils and sufferings he was paid by Government and for some of them he was not paid. That from first to last, soldierlike &c marched through the Dosla [?] & Brandy ground during a period of 11 years, then to looking for a foe who heeded not a mother's supplication or the infant's dying sigh, in maternal arms, That then and there, he encountered dangers, fatigue & hunger and that no wonder that he

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[indecipherable word or words], of either pioneer Days should ask of his Country at the age of 88 something to buy bread with; after all these watching & fastings, yes, he has fought for his country and that now old age has [indecipherable word or words] hard upon him, and with old age and entire loss of sight that for the last 10 years, this infirmity has prevented him earning anything whatever to support himself with. That he is and has been since that period wholly dependent on the charity of friends & relatives for Bread & raiment. That it has pleased the Master of the Universe to place the last of his relatives in that order of [indecipherable word], where there is [indecipherable word] services, he has been honorably discharged but all these discharges have been lost and destroyed, not thinking they would be of any use to him. That he has never received a pension from the United States, and never until now have asked for one. That in conclusion he sincerely prays the Commissioner of Pensions at Washington, to have his name placed on the Pension List, and should his request be admitted, he hopes this official officer, will have an eye on his part [indecipherable word or words], occasioned by his Blindness, and by weighing this matter will likewise allow, for times that have gone by, if consistent with law & usage, and further saith not

S/ Joseph Tibbs, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me by making his mark this first day of November 1853

S/ James J Pollock, JP MC