

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Tolson R10633

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State of Kentucky, County of Morgan } Sgt.

On this 1st day of September 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Morgan County Thomas Tolson a resident of the County of Morgan and State of Tennessee aged 77 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as herein stated he states that he enlisted in the service of the United States on the 1st day of August 1779 during the war under the command of Captain Davis Grisom [Davis Gresham] Colonel Maborn [Robert Mebane?] & General Kenedy he states that he enlisted at Hillsboro in North Carolina we remained stationed a few days at Hillsborough and then was marched on a scouting expedition against the Indians on the Tennessee River & was then marched back after having destroyed some Indian huts where we remained stationed until in the year 1780 (the month not recollected) we were marched near to Kings Mountain we did not reach Kings Mountain until the battle [October 7, 1780] was over we was then turned & marched back to Hillsboro where we was stationed until the news arrived in March 1781 of the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] we were put under force march and joined the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] before the battle & after the battle we were marched to the Hawfields in Orange County North Carolina where we was stationed until the middle of May 1781 we was then marched to Hillsboro where we was stationed until the 4th day of July 1781 on which day I was discharged by my Captain which discharge he states he has lost he states that he was in the service of the United States for the term of about two years or more that time he states that he was born in the State of Maryland in the year 1757. I was moved to North Carolina when young he states he has no record of his age or documentary evidence of his service and that when he joined the service of the United States he resided in Orange County North Carolina and after the close of the war he removed to Washington County Virginia thence in 1800 he removed to where he now resides & now lives in Morgan County Kentucky he states he has stated the general circumstances of his services as well as he now recollects & that he has named the officers under whom he served as well as the now recollects & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his services at this time he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State sworn to and Subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Tolson, X his mark

[Joseph Nickell, a clergyman, and William Burton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]