

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Toomes R1036

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State of Missouri County of Callaway: SS

On this the 18th day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Samuel T Morris, John Conger and James McKinney Justices of the County Court of said County William Tombs [sic] a resident of Cedar Township in the County aforesaid aged near sixty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 that he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated –

That in the spring of the year 1778 in the County of Albemarle and the State of Virginia this petitioner entered the service in the militia Company commanded by one Captain John Martin as a substitute for his father John Tombs. The Company rendezvoused at Charlottesville and marched from thence to Hobbs Hole the Company to which this petitioner belonged was joined by others on its march to Hobbs Hole, after being stationed some length of time at said Hobbs Hole the troop was marched to Williamsburg at which place this petitioner was discharged after serving three months as a musician in said Captain Martin's Company. In the spring of the year 1779 this petitioner again entered the service under Captain Smyth (Christian name not recollected) as a musician and as a Substitute for one Robert Page and served as well as recollected six months. The company rendezvoused at Charlottesville and joined the Army near Petersburg commanded as this petitioner believes by General Lafayette. From Petersburg the Army marched in great haste and under much alarm as this petitioner then believed, the route the Army pursued this petitioner cannot now state with any degree of certainty he was discharged in an old field not near to any place of notoriety known to this petitioner. In the year 1780 this petitioner again entered the service in a militia company as a Substitute for John Massie commanded by the aforesaid Captain John Martin. The Company rendezvoused at Charlottesville and marched from thence and joined the Army near Baltimore. This petitioner cannot recollect the movements of the Army after he joined it but thinks there was some skirmishes by parts of the Army. He served as a musician and was discharged after a six months tour somewhere near the Delaware River. In the year 1781 this petitioner again entered the service in a militia company as a subject to his father Commanded by one Captain Dohority (Christian name not recollected). The company rendezvoused at Charlottesville early in the month of February and joined the Army he thinks that was commanded by General Greene not far from the Eastern shores of Maryland, this petitioner again served as a musician the different routes taken by the Army or the different places touched upon by the Army this petitioner cannot relate but believes the Army was at Richmond Virginia but the Army ultimately came near to Yorktown and guarded some baggage during the siege that terminated in the capture of

Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – This petitioner as will be seen was only about 10 years old when he first entered the service he cannot therefore recollect distinctly who were the field officers he served under during the several tours above mentioned nor what particular officer commanded each tour, but he recollects that Colonel Linsey commanded one of the tours in that capacity & Colonel Henderson another – he also recollects that Generals Lee, Greene, Lafayette and Washington commanded at different times while he was in service but in what particular tours he does not recollect. This petitioner received but one written discharge which was for his last services, it was handed to him by Captain Dohority and is lost. This petitioner further states that he knows of no person nor has any documentary evidence by which his services can be proved – and he further states that he was born in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia on the 8th day of May 1768 as appears by a register kept by his father which is not now in his possession. Since the war of the revolution this petitioner states that he has lived in Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri – and the said applicant hereby relinquishes every claim or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ William Toomes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Toomes". The signature is written in a cursive style with some decorative flourishes.

[Hiram Holt and Samuel Jamison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 11: Power of attorney dated March 22, 1854 executed in Cooper County Missouri by Kindred Bailey and wife Mary Bailey, formerly Mary Toombs daughter of William Toombs.]