

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tipton S14700

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State of Kentucky and County of Montgomery Sct

On this 1st day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, before Joseph Bondurant, Robert Trimble and Levi Y. Millspaugh, Justices, composing the Court of and for the County of Montgomery, and State of Kentucky, now sitting, William Tipton, a resident of said County of Montgomery and State aforesaid, aged 78 years, the 1st of January last 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 officers, and served as herein stated, to wit: – That he volunteered, in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia, as a minute man, to be ready at any call and for any period, and that under that arrangement he entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Babb [Peter Babb or Bobb], in the early part of the year 1778, and marched immediately to Fort Pitt (alias Pittsburgh) on the Ohio River. Captain Hook had the command of another company destined for the same point, – our companies consisted of 30 men age – amounting in all to 60 men. We arrived at Fort Pitt, and found it commanded by General Nevel. We were stationed at that point about three months under the command of Captains Babb and Hook: I was then detached with a company to go down the Ohio River to meet Captain Lynn, who was there a sending the River with ammunition; we met him at Louisville, and assisted him with his boat up to Fort Pitt, – on our passage up, however, we had a pretty sharp battle, at Wheeling, with a company of Indians: In about one month after my return to Fort Pitt, from down the River, I company was discharged, and I returned home to Frederick County, Virginia.

In the last of the spring following (1779) about June of that year, I was again ordered into service: and, forthwith, marched under the command of General Morgan to a place called, I think, the Haw-fields – near the Maryland and Virginia line: – had no actual engagement with the enemy; but continued in that service about 40 days, and was discharged, and returned home to said Frederick County Virginia.

In the summer of that [year] I was again ordered out and marched immediately towards the South, under the command of General Smith, against the British, who were committing depredations in that quarter, near the Lead-mines. – In this campaign, I was in service about four months, and was again discharged.

In the latter part of the spring or first of the summer in the year 1780, I was again called on to go to South Carolina to reinforce General Gates: we marched immediately on, from Frederick County Virginia to South Carolina, under the command of General Lewis; that afterwards placed under General Morgan; and arrived at Camden, South Carolina in August of that year, a few days after the battle at Camden, between General Gates and Lord Cornwallis. –

Continued some time in the southern country, and, I remained in the service during that campaign between five and six months, and was discharged in Frederick, after marching back to that County.

In the first of August 1781, I was again called out to go against the British in the neighborhood of York-town, Virginia – at that time under the service under the command of Captain John Galloway – marched down the country through Botetourt County, Virginia – then crossed the country to James River – crossed the River below Richmond, and continued our march below Williamsburg – joined the main Army – and encamped within about 12 miles of York, where we remained several weeks, – during this time, General Washington ordered that 15 men should be taken to reconnoiter the British lines, – I volunteered as one – We went in the neighborhood where the British lay, and where we took two [of] their men prisoners, who had gone out to visit some ladies at a cabin in an old field. – Having confined our prisoners and taken possession of their horses, we proceeded near to where some British were clearing out wheat, – we then took several of their horses and made our escape through an adjoining swamp, – with an intention of then returning to our quarters: but we had not proceeded but a few miles, before we were overtaken, in a lane, by the British light horse men, and our whole number was cut to pieces except myself and one other, who made our escape to the woods and retreated into a thicket: – After remaining there some time we came into the road but soon discovered, in sight, three light horsemen in pursuit, – at their approach we presented our guns, and they dashed into the thicket: we thought it prudent not to fire unless we had a certain shot – least we might be caught with an empty gun; and they were afraid to charge – and in this condition, sometimes in the road & sometimes in the brush, we kept them at bay for about three miles; when they retreated, and we came into camp, – After the surrender of York [October 19, 1781] I saw two of the same fellows, and recognized them, and told their officer the whole history of the matter. – In a few days, I think, after my return, we marched down to York and besieged the Town, – and continued it until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, which, I believe, was on the 19th of October 1781. – In meantime, however, I had been placed under the command of General Long the whole commanded by General Washington. – A short time after the surrender of Cornwallis, I was discharged, and think, perhaps, I received a written discharge; but I am not certain, – if I did it is lost and I have no recollection by whom signed, – I continued in the service in this campaign a little upwards of three months. – He states that he knows of no living testimony by whom he can establish his different services or any of them, – states that he was born near Baltimore in the State of Maryland, 1st of January 1754 – moved from there to Frederick County Virginia, and after the revolution, moved from that state to Kentucky, and at present resides in Montgomery County, Kentucky.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court October first 1832

S/ M. Harrison, CMCC

S/ William Tipton, X his mark

[Henry Darnall, a clergyman, and John Lockridge gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court then propounded the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, to which the applicant makes the following answers, to wit:

1st – Born in the State of Maryland, near Baltimore, on the first of January 1754.

2nd . – Had a record of his age in an old Bible belonging to his Father; but he has not seen it for a

good many years, and knows not where it is now.

3rd – When called into service, was living in Frederick County, State of Virginia – remained there a while after the revolutionary war, and then moved to the state of Kentucky, and now resides in Montgomery County in the latter State.

4th. – He volunteered as a minute man, as stated in my declaration.

5th. – General Nevel at Fort Pitt (he supposes him to have been a regular officer) General Smith at the lead mines – General Gates at Camden – General Morgan in the South – General Washington at York – don't recollect the number of the regiments – and refers to his declaration for the circumstances of service.

6th. – He is not certain that he ever received a written discharge; but if he received one the last tour it is lost, and he has no recollection by home given.

7th. – Refers to General Samuel L Williams, Joseph Bondurant Esquire, George Howard, Henry Farrow Esquire, Samuel W Everett, Honorable Henry Daniel and Andrew Simpson Esquire who can testify as to his character.

[Note: This file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54.98 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months and 15 days in the Virginia service.]