

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Tinder S14707

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State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

On this third day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before John Steele, Samuel Wallace, Barnett Gains & William Woodridge Justices constituting the County Court holden in & for the County of Woodford now sitting, James Tinder, a resident of Woodford County and State of Kentucky aged seventy years [age written over and unclear] 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.

That he mustered into service as a militia Soldier in the revolutionary Army in the State of Virginia on State establishment in the County of Orange, under Captain Richard Graves General Stephens [Edward Stevens] commanded the Brigade (the Colonel's name forgotten) that he entered the service a few days before Christmas in the year 1778, that he served two months which expired in the last of February 1779 that he was during the two months aforesaid acting as the substitute of George Wooton that during this service aforesaid Colonel Thomas Roe Commanded another Regiment from the same County. Thomas Barbour was the Major acting in his Regiment, that no Regular Soldiers were engaged in conjunction with the Brigade of Militia, during the tour, that he was in no engagement during the time, that at the time he entered he lived in the State of Virginia Orange County, that he [several words written over and illegible] Orange Courthouse and rendezvoused at Beal[paper damaged, letters missing] Tavern in Orange County and marched to Fredericks Burgh [Fredericksburg], Spotsylvania County, that he remained at Fredericks -burgh all the winter & returned home in the last of February or first of March 1779 that he has no documentary evidence by which to prove the above service of two months that he knows of no witness living by whom he will be enabled to prove the said Service.

A few days after he returned home on the aforesaid Tour of duty, he was drafted in the 16th year of his age for two months that he was commanded by Captain Buckner that Colonel Emerson was the Colonel Major Meriwether also commanded this Regiment, General Stephens who commanded the foregoing two months commanded this Brigade, the time this tour expired was the last of April, that he was in no engagement during this time of service, that he was drafted in Orange County State of Virginia in which he resided, that he marched to Fredericks Burgh in Spotsylvania, that there was no Continental regiments engaged with this Brigade of General Stephens, that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service of this two months.

That on his return home in the last of April 1779 he met the troops who had been drafted in Spotsylvania County Virginia, that he substituted himself to serve a tour of two months more

in the place of someone now forgotten that the Company to which he belonged was Nelson Meriwether still commanded, General Stephens still commanded this Brigade, that he marched from Fredericksburg to Bowling Green in the State of Virginia, that from thence they marched to James Town on James River in the State of Virginia, the time of service there expired that there was no Continental soldiers or regulars in this tour, that he has no documentary evidence by which to prove this term of service that he knows of no witness living by whom he can prove the performance of the service,

That near the first of July 1779 he returned home in Orange County Virginia that in a few days after he returned home in July 1779 he substituted himself in the place of Wate Glover that his Captain was by the name of Roland Thomas, the Colonel's name was Edmonson under General Stephens that he marched from Orange to Richmond City from thence down James River to Williamsburg, that he was not during this Tour in any engagement that no Continental or regular soldiers were with the militia, that he was in no engagement during the last tour of two months that he returned home in the last of August or first September 1779, that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the service of the last tour of duty.

That he then in a few days went on another tour of two months duty that he was commanded by Benjamin Johnson Captain and Colonel Mathews that he left the service this time in cold weather in October 1779, that he was a substitute for Thomas Johnson, that he marched from Orange to Richmond and then below Richmond on James River at Cabin Point, from thence to Petersburg in Virginia where they were discharged that there was no regular Soldiers connected with his Regiment, that they were in no engagement during the time, that he has no documentary evidence, that he knows of bit one man by whom this can be proved this Tour that is Benjamin Adams of Jessamine County Kentucky whether he is living or not he cannot say but that he was one of his mess.

He returned home to Orange County Virginia the weather was cold, that substituted himself for James Sanders for two months under Captain Thomas Chambers Colonel Taylor that he marched from Orange to Albemarle County at the Barracks as a guard to Burgoyne's Prisoners that he was in no engagement that there was a few regular Soldiers but by whom commanded he does not know that he continued two months more which took all the winter in the service at the same place & for the same purpose but as the substitute of James Sanders under Captain Burley the same Colonel, that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of a single witness by whom he can prove the service of the four last months.

That when he returned home and remained there in Orange County Virginia for some time, that in 1781 he cannot recollect precisely the time he served two months under Captain George Waugh and Colonel Mathews as a substitute for Thomas Johnson that he marched to Richmond where our Regiment joined General Lafayette we then went down James River to Williamsburg he then retreated to Culpeper County about the time Manchester was burned, thence passing before Lord Cornwallis, that the American Army recruited and then we pressed on them and they retreated below Richmond, that he was in no engagement, that said Services of two months he served with John Stephens whose deposition is hereto attached and is the only evidence that he knows by which he can prove the service; that near Williamsburg he was discharged.

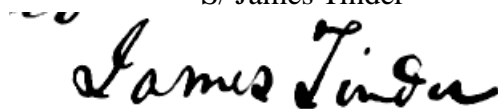
That he was in one more tour of duty of two months at the siege of York Captain Robert Stubblefield was his Captain General Lafayette was the General, Welch was the Major Colonel not recollected this is the only Battle in which he was engaged, that General Morgan was a

regular officer General Wayne was also a regular officer. That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any one living by whom he can prove the fulfillment of the last Tour of duty.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Tinder



Questions required to be put to the applicant by the Secretary of the War Department, to be done by the Court

Question Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Spotsylvania County State of Virginia in 1763

By same Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have it at home in my possession

By same Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Orange County State of Virginia, I moved from Orange County Virginia to Woodford County Kentucky where I now reside \_\_ years ago except two years I lived in Fayette County Kentucky.

By Same. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute?

Ans. I was a substitute when I first went into service for two months, after that time, I was for the next two months drafted, the remaining six tours I was a substitute for the various persons above named in my declaration. By same. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your Service.

Ans. I recollect General Wayne, General Morgan, General Lafayette & Washington at the siege of York I recollect of no other regular officers commanding at any time but believe at the siege of York in my last tour of duty, when I was serving under Colonel Mathews in the seventh tour of my duty I know there were other militia Regiments who were commanded by persons under General Lafayette but who they were I cannot positively say but think one Regiment was commanded by Colonel Meriwether where we were retreating from Williamsburg to Culpeper County under General Lafayette called Lafayette's Running Tour, I am not so certain whether the Tours of duty I performed were in 1779 or in 1780 but am certain that I served a number of tours six of which were in regular succession, the others just before the close of the war or siege of York, for all my tours of duty served as a substitute or as a drafted Soldier I received nothing but Continental money \$50 of which I paid for a knife and the same for my breakfast.

By Same Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Ans. I have no recollection if ever I received a discharge.

By same

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your Services as a soldier of the

Revolution

Ans. Major Herman Bowmar, Samuel Berry, Isaac Crutcher, James Right, George Blackburn the present Parson of the Church in the neighborhood, to which I belonged, on the day of making the declaration Bowmar, Berry, Right & lack burned were absent I therefore say William Blackburn & Notley Flournoy, Isaac Crutcher

[Isaac Crutcher, William Blackburn and Notley M. Flournoy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

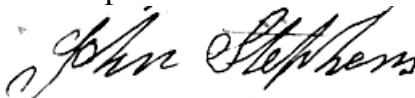
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I Herman Bowmer a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County do hereby certify that James Tinder of said County this day appeared before me and produce before me John Stephens<sup>1</sup> a credible witness who being by me sworn and duly charged to speak the truth the whole truth touching the Services of the said James Tinder as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution He the said witness deposeth and saith that the deponent and said James Tinder both resided in Orange County in the State of Virginia during the revolutionary war and the said witness saith that in the summer of the year 1781, that he served a Militia tour of duty for two months and that the said Tinder the person now before me also served the same tour of two months as a Soldier in the Militia Service and that said Tinder and said witness served the saith Tour in a company of Militia commanded by Captain George Waugh and with many others the said Captain Waugh & Company joined General the Marquis de Lafayette at Richmond in Virginia about 10 days before Manchester was burned by the enemy, this tour was called the Marquis's running tour and the said witness says the said tour of two months was served out by the said James Tinder to his own personal knowledge the said witness saith he is now in his 70th year of his age & he says they continued under said General Lafayette after joining him as aforesaid till said two months service expired and the said witness & said Tinder were discharged at Williamsburg in Virginia when Captain Waugh & company were discharged.

Subscribed to by said witness this sixth day of August 1832

S/ John Stephens

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Stephens". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ John Stephens".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the Virginia service.]

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S31392