

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tyler S14742

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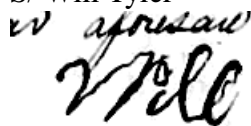
State of Kentucky County of Jefferson: SS

On this seventh day of January 1833, personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Jefferson County Kentucky now setting William Tyler a resident of the United States in the County of Jefferson & State of Kentucky aged seventy-seven years since the 20th of June last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 to wit That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated viz. George Rogers Clark Colonel – __ Montgomery Colonel, Thos Quirk [Thomas Quirk] Major, Wm Harrod [William Harrod] Captain, John Bailey Captain, James Montgomery Lieutenant Richard Clarke Lieutenant. These are part of the officers to the Regiment to which this applicant belonged which was commonly called the Illinois Regiment. That he entered the service as a private soldier about the first of December 1777 & remained in the service from that time until a few days before Christmas in the year 1779 when he left the service and returned home having been engaged in the service two years & a few days and that the statement in his former declaration that he quit the service in December 1789 was put in by mistake by the person who drew it up – it should have been 1779. That he voluntarily enlisted & at that time lived on the Monongahela River about 30 miles above Redstone Fort in the State of Virginia. That during this campaign he was at the taking of Post Vincent (now Vincennes) [February 23 – 25, 1779] at which place some fighting with some British, Frenchman & Indians & took a number of prisoners. That he was also at the taking of the Fort on the Illinois River called Fort Kaskaskia [July fourth, 1778] where the enemy surrendered without fighting. That after he enlisted the Regiment went down the Ohio River to the mouth of Saline Creek & then marched through the (now) states of Indiana & Illinois. That he has now no documentary evidence of his service it having been burnt with his father's house which accident happened not long after he left the service. That he can prove all or part of his service by Edwd Tyler [Edward Tyler]

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.


S/ Will Tyler



I Edward Tyler residing in the County of Jefferson & State of Kentucky now in my sixty sixth

year do certify that I was well acquainted with William Tyler the affiant for a pension when he enlisted under Colonel George Rogers Clark in the year 1777 I believe it was in December & that I then objected to his enlistment I being the only brother left at home & my father being very old & that he did not return before December 1779 & that he was gone about two years. At this time we lived on the Monongahela River & that in the spring of 1780 my father & family moved to the falls of the Ohio River now Louisville. These occurrences enable me the more certainly to recollect the dates above.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court
S/ Edward Tyler {Seal}



[Michael Miller, a clergyman, and James Pomeroy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
Where & in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Barclay [Berkeley] County State of Virginia near Shepherdstown on the 25th of June 1755

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans. I have none. It was burnt many years ago in & with my father's house.

Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolutionary war? Where do you now live?

Ans. When I entered the service I lived on the Monongahela River in the State of Virginia. In 1780 I moved to the falls of the Ohio & have lived in Jefferson County Kentucky ever since that time.

How were you called into service? Were you drafted? Did you volunteer? Or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I always volunteered & was never a substitute

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Ans. Cols George Rogers Clark & __Montgomery Captains William Harrod & Edward Worthington Lieutenant John Sevier, Ensign Jacob Vanmeter ~~Lieutenant James Montgomery & Richard Clarke Major Thomas Quirk~~ & Captain John Bailey were with the troops where I was in the service. They were called regular officers & the Regiment was called a Continental Regiment & if any name was given to it I either never knew it will have now forgotten it.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Ans. I received a discharge which was signed by General George Rogers Clark & many years ago it was burnt in my father's house

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

Ans. Henry Churchill, Worden Pope, Edward Tyler Sr. & Jr., Michael Miller, James Pomeroy, Henry F. Kalfus, Samuel Frederick &c &c

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia state line.]