

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tilford S16553

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State of Indiana County of Jefferson: SS: On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Joseph G Marshall Judge of the Court of Probate for the County and State aforesaid, now sitting, William Tilford a resident of the County of Jefferson and State of Indiana, aged 81 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

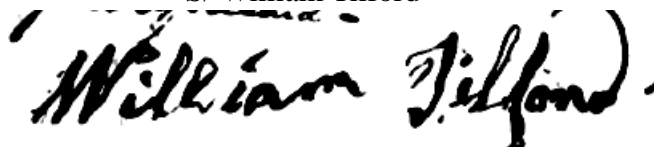
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated – was drafted sometime in January 1781 by Captain Andrew Moore under Colonel John Bowyer, was drafted for four months and served his time out – resided in Rockbridge County Virginia when he entered the service – marched to Edmund Hill near the North Carolina line & marched from thence to Colonel Gregory's Camp at which he thinks but it is not positive General Muhlenberg had the command –

That he was drafted again in the fall of 1781 and served two months by Captain Gray forgets what Colonel recollects a Major Gaines – marched two or three miles below Williamsburg and remained there until General Washington & the French Army came up – was with a detachment that engaged with the British near little York and took their trench.

Applicant also states that he volunteered in June 1774 with some forces under Colonel Andrew Lewis & Captain Samuel McDowell, that he went out for the purpose of fighting the Indians at Chillicothe Ohio and was in an engagement at the mouth of big Kahawa [Kanawha] on the 10th of October 1774 – was six months in the service and was Sergeant of Captain McDowell's company – that he has no documentary evidence, and does not know that there is anybody living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Tilford

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Tilford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W' and a long, sweeping underline.

[Amos Chitwood, a clergyman, and R. C. Talbott gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Jefferson County State of Indiana: Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the These within and for the County and State aforesaid William Tilford who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he

served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for six months in the year 1781, I served as a private soldier. For six months in an Indian Campaign in 1774 I served as a Sergeant; and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1833

S/ William Tilford

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]