

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cudbud Tisdale S16554

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State of Indiana County of Daviess: SS

On this 21st day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court, before Amory Kinney president Judge of the Daviess Circuit & Ephraim Thompson, & Michael Murphy, associate Judges, now sitting, Cudbud Tisdale a resident of Veal Township, in the County and State aforesaid, aged eighty-two 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated (viz.) – This declarant was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia, on the 23rd November 1750. Before the commencement of the revolutionary war, he removed to Mecklenburg County, Virginia, where he resided during that war, except when abroad in the United States service. On the 4th of May 1776, he volunteered in a company of volunteers raised about that time in the County last aforesaid, the officers of which Company were Captain James Anderson, Lieutenant William Basketfield [probably William Baskerville], and Ensign John Holmes. The tour of service was to be nine months, and he volunteered for that time. Under said officers, and with said company he marched immediately after volunteering to Williamsburg (Virginia) and thence to Hampton, where they joined five other volunteer companies, which together with his own composed a Regiment, and was commanded by Colonel William Meredith and Major James [perhaps Richard James]. At Hampton he remained with said Regiment till sometime in September following, when they were marched to Portsmouth to take the place of the 4th Regiment of regulars whom General Washington, about that time, ordered to the North. This declarant remained with the Regiment first aforesaid at Portsmouth till a few days before Christmas 1776 (the precise date he cannot recollect, but confidently believes, it was not three days before or after the 20th of December 1776) when he was discharged, together with his Regiment by Colonel Meredith. This declarant received a written discharge but lost the same on his way home from Portsmouth. He was in no battle during the services aforesaid. Whilst he was at Hampton, it was said that a British force was at Quinn's island [Gwynn Island?] about twenty miles distant, and remained there for some time, but he never saw them.

After performing the foregoing services, this declarant returned to Mecklenburg County, Virginia, where he remained till January 1781. He was then (viz. in January 1781, the day of the month not recollected) drafted for the term of three months in said County of Mecklenburg, and

immediately entered into the service of the United States. The Captain of the company to which he belonged was Asa Oliver. The Lieutenant & Ensign he cannot now recollect. The company marched immediately to Cabin Point on James River, where they joined six or seven other militia companies. This declarant and Captain Oliver's Company arrived at Cabin Point sometime in January 1781. At this place Major Jones, took command of our company and the other militia companies aforesaid. There we remained perhaps six or eight weeks, and then marched, under command of Major Jones, to Suffolk on the head of Nansemond [River], Virginia, where Marquis de Lafayette took the command, and where we remained till about the 6th of April. During our stay at Suffolk we received intelligence that a party of the enemy were about 16 miles in an eastwardly direction, chopping wood to take to the garrison at Portsmouth. Whereupon we directly set out, in the night, under command of Lafayette, found the party, surrounded them, and attacked them about daybreak. After a trifling resistance, they all surrendered. In this affair we took twenty-seven British prisoners, one Tory, a wagon and five horses, 28 guns and as many poll axes. The dragoons at Portsmouth, hearing the firing, gave us chase, but we arrived safe at Suffolk with our booty. In this rencountre, one of our men was wounded in the hip. From Suffolk our men made frequent incursions, against the foe, but nothing important was done, that this declarant has any recollection of. About the sixth of April we left Suffolk, and marched nine miles to Brad's old fields, where we remained until the 11th April, when we were discharged by Lafayette. This declarant received there also a written discharge, but the same is lost. He then returned to Mecklenburg County, where he remained till September following.

On the 5th of September 1781, he was again drafted for three months. The Captain was Thompson Fulks [?]. From Mecklenburg County he marched under command of Colonel Lewis Burrell [Lewis Burwell] to Williamsburg Virginia and thence to a kind of fortification or breastwork called Sowell's Ornary [Sowell's Ordinary?], about five miles east of Yorktown, the siege of which was then commenced. At Ornary, we were placed under command of General Weedon [George Weedon], connected with the Legion of Lauzun [duc de Lauzun's French marine] and both under the command of General De Choisé [also spelled M. de Choisy]. The whole number of Militia placed here under General Weedon, this declarant does not remember, but it amounted, as, he believes, to one thousand or more. The body was thus placed under General De Choisé to watch and restrain Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] who was fortified at Gloucester point opposite Yorktown, while Washington was pressing the siege against Cornwallis. At Sowell's Ornary this declarant remained under General Weedon till after Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781]. And till the first of November following, when the whole brigade of militia commanded by General Weedon was discharged, four days before the declarant's term of service was ended. On this occasion he received no written discharge, nor does he believe that any of the brigade with which he was connected did. He distinctly recollects that Weedon drew up the troops, informed them that since the capture of Cornwallis, Washington had no further use for them, and with a wave of the hand, which he will never forget, told the troops to go home.

And the said Cudbud Tisdale further declares that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services aforesaid, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services, except William Baldwin whose affidavit is hereto annexed – That after his discharge last aforesaid, he returned directly to Mecklenburg County where he resided till 1802, then he removed to Union County, South Carolina, where he remained till 1815, he then removed to said County of Daviess in the State of Indiana, where he has ever since resided – that the following persons of his present neighborhood to it William Wallis, John McDonald,

Permenas Palmer, John Howell and others, can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – And that he has no record of his age.

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.

S/ Cudbud Tisdale, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid in open Court

S/ A. Kinney

I William Baldwin¹ of said County of Daviess, and State of Indiana, do certify that I was in the nine months company mentioned in the above declaration of Cudbud Tisdale, that I became acquainted with him at Hampton, and was personally acquainted with him from that time till he and the rest of the Regiment were discharged at Portsmouth agreeably to the aforesaid declaration, that I recollect distinctly of hearing his name called hundreds of times, on the roll, and recollect it particularly in consequence of the singularity of his Christian name Cudbud, that he belonged to Captain Anderson's company, and I to Captain Allen's, which companies were constantly together from the time they arrived at Hampton till discharged as aforesaid, that during the whole of that time I was in habit of intimacy with him, that he has been constantly with reputed as a revolutionary soldier, and that I have no doubt he served as stated in the aforesaid declaration.

Sworn and subscribed before me master in Chancery to the said Davies Circuit Court on the 27th of March 1833

S/ David McDonald, M C D G C

S/ William Baldwin, X his mark

[William Wallis gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that the applicant has enjoyed a good reputation and is regarded as having been a soldier of the revolution.]

[Abner Davis, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[This file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months and 14 days service as a private in the Virginia service.]

¹ [William Baldwin S16313](#)