

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tomlinson S16555

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State of Kentucky County of Boone: Sct.

On this 7 day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Boone County Court now sitting John Tomlinson a resident of said County of Boone & State of Kentucky aged seventy-three 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 & served as herein stated – that in the year 1777 he lived in Orange County Virginia & was driving a wagon hauling pork from Fredericksburg when he with his wagon & team was pressed into the Service of the United States by a press master & went into service the 1st of April with Colonel Harrison's Regiment & marched with the Troops into Pennsylvania & on the Susquehanna River & continued in the Service six months, when he was discharged on the Susquehanna River at a place called Wrights ferry & returned home – about one year after that time he volunteered as a private militia man in a company of Captain John Scott in Orange County Virginia for a tour of three months & served said tour of three months in the Service of the United States by marching to Yorktown near the mouth of the Rappahannock River & there did service in guarding that place & the vicinity against the British General Nelson commanded us at that time after the three months expired he was discharged & returned home. Sometime after that the exact date not recollected He was drafted in a Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Johnson of Orange County to serve a tour of three months in guarding the British prisoners at the Albemarle Barracks & went with said Johnson & served the tour of three months at said Barracks in guarding the British prisoners at that place – After which tour was performed he returned home – & some time thereafter he was called on again & drafted to serve a tour of three months more under Captain Roe in guarding said British prisoners at the Albemarle Barracks and went with said Roe & his Company to said Barracks & served the tour in guarding said Prisoners after which time he moved into Culpeper County Virginia and was drafted to serve a tour of three months in a company commanded by Captain Jos Wood [Joseph Wood] and went into service under said Wood & marched & joined the Army commanded by General Lafayette & served the tour at the Morben Hills [Malvern Hills], old James Town & other places in guarding the Country & was in several skirmishes & small engagements with the British under Cornwallis. After serving said Tour he returned home & remained a very short time before he was drafted again to serve a tour of three months more under Captain E. Kirtley [Elijah Kirtley] & marched to James River & joined the Army under General Morgan & crossed James River at a place called Wortham above Richmond then marched southwardly and thence to little York & was there engaged against Cornwallis until he was taken [October 19, 1781] after which tour of three

months he returned home – this affiant would state that for the service he performed the first six months when the wagon & team was along he received no pay as a Teamster. The wagon & team along to another person who received pay for it and this affiant's services only went as having performed so much militia duty –

That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Tomlinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Tomlinson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

[Robert Kirtley, a clergyman, and Edmond F. Vawter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia militia.]