

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tinsley S17150

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State of Virginia, Henrico County to wit:

On this fourth day of August 1834 personally appeared before the County Court of said County, John Tinsley aged seventy-four 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, and served as herein after stated, under the following named officers. That he served under General Nelson [probably Thomas Nelson], Colonel Morris [perhaps Nathaniel Garsden Morris], Colonel Selden [perhaps Miles Selden], Major Stubblefield [possibly George Stubblefield], Captain Towles [Stockley Towles] and Captain Curd [Edmund Curd]; that he does not recollect the precise month or year in which he entered the service, but it was shortly after the commencement of the Revolutionary war; that he was a drafted militia man in the State of Virginia aforesaid, and served at different periods of the war, in all about thirteen months; nine months of which time, he served between Richmond and York Town; that he was stationed at different places on James River, viz.: at James Town, Sandy Point, Shirley &c also at Williamsburg and other places; that he resided in the County of Goochland in this State when he first entered the service; that he was in several different skirmishes with small parties of the enemy, who landed from their shipping at different points upon James River; that he was present when the enemy burnt some of our vessels at Shirley, or in that neighborhood; that there were some of the regular Troops who served with the Corps to which he belonged, but he does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers: that he recollects seeing the Marquis de Lafayette & some of his Troops in Richmond, upon his (the declarant's) way home from Williamsburg, where he had been discharged after performing one of his three months tours of duty; that one of his said tours of duty terminated about seven days before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at York Town; that besides the three tours of duty of which he has spoken, embracing a period of nine months service, performed at different times, he afterwards served four months in the County of Albemarle in this State, and assisted in guarding the British prisoners who were stationed there; that he has no paper or written document in his possession to sustain the facts which he has before stated; that he never received any written discharge to the best of his recollection, but if he did, the same has been lost. He refers to the affidavits accompanying this declaration in support of his present application. 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 any State.

Sworn to & scribe the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Tinsley, X his mark

[Jesse Snead and W. H. Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Harris County to wit:

On this second day of November 1833 Thomas Tinsley of the said County and State personally appeared before me Thomas S Dicken a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, depose and saith as follows; that he is the brother of John Tinsley who he is informed intends to apply for a pension on account of military service performed by him during the Revolutionary war; that he knows the fact of his brother the said John Tinsley having served as a drafted militia man during the war of the Revolution; that he recollects the fact of his going to Williamsburg during the time of said service, and also to Sandy Point on James River, that he himself [was] present on those occasions, that he does not recollect how many tours of duty the said John Tinsley performed but he recollects that he was upon at least two tours of duty; and he believes from what he has heard from different persons, that the said John Tinsley performed other tours of duty besides those to which he recollects, and further this deponent sayeth not.

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S/ Thos. S. Dicken

State of Virginia, Henrico County to wit:

On this third day of October in the year of our Lord 1833, Reeves Tinsley of the said County & State personally appeared before me Thomas S Dicken a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, and being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, depose & saith as follows: that he is about seventy-eight years of age & knows that his brother John Tinsley who intends applying for a pension on account of revolutionary services, did serve as a drafted militia man in this state during the Revolutionary war, that he recollects the fact of his being at Williamsburg during the time of his said service, but he has no distinct recollection of what length of time, the said John Tinsley served.

Given under my hand and seal the day & year first above written.

S/ Thos. S. Dicken

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 [could be \$48.33] per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia militia.]