

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Toney S17153

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Virginia, to wit;

At a Court of monthly Sessions begun & holden for the county of Powhatan, in the state of Virginia aforesaid, at the Courthouse of the said county, on the 15th day of August in the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty two;

John Toney Sen. a resident of this county, this day personally appeared in Court, and made and subscribed a declaration of his services in the Revolutionary War in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress, passed the 7th day of June 1832 entitled “an act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution”; and having made oath thereto in due form, and Francis C. Lowry, a Clergyman, residing in this county, having made solemn affirmation, & Hughes Owen of this county having made oath in open Court, in due form, to a certificate annexed to the said declaration in corroboration thereof, the said declaration and certificate were thereupon ordered to be entered of record, and are as follows, to wit; “State of Virginia: Powhatan County, to wit; On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Powhatan John Toney, a resident of the said county, in the state of Virginia, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. — That he is in his 78th year of his age, that he is a native of Powhatan, and born at the place where he now resides, (then a part of Cumberland county;) – that there was a record of his age in the family Bible, with the other members of his family, but where the same is now, he does not know; – that he has always lived in the county of Powhatan. — That in the early part of the War, the year he does not precisely recollect, but thinks it was in 1777 he performed his first tour of duty in the militia, of three months; that he marched from the county of Powhatan (then a part of Cumberland) under Captain Robert Hughes, and was in service at Williamsburg, York Town, and Hampton, that he left home as well as he recollects sometime in August, and returned in December: — that the second tour of duty lasted only about Six weeks; the whole of the Regiment being called out. that on the second tour he was under Captain William Mayo, and was in service in Chesterfield, and near Ware Bottom Church, that Colo. [Robert] Goode was then his Colonel. — That the third tour was also one of between two or three months, when all the militia were called out again; that he also went then under Captain William Mayo, and was in service about Richmond, and was engaged in a little affair with the enemy at Hood’s upon James River [Hood’s Landing 15 miles below Petersburg, 19 Jan 1781]; was in service about Petersburg, Suffolk, and Jericho [in former Nansemond County]; during a part of this time he was under a Captain Hubbard [Thomas Hubbard S17227]: — That the fourth tour of duty was for about three months under the command of Captain George Williamson, when the militia was ordered to join Genl. Green’s [sic: Nathanael Greene’s] army at Guilford Courthouse, in North Carolina [Mar 1781]: that he was ordered out upon the tour in a very few weeks after his return from the tour last spoken of: — That the 5th and last duty he performed was in a tour of duty in the militia, at the seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]: this tour he thinks lasted also about three months; or perhaps a little short of it; on this occasion he marched under the command of Captain Hughes Woodson [R19215], who had been an old regular Officer, but had resigned before that time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. (Signed) John hisXmark Toney”

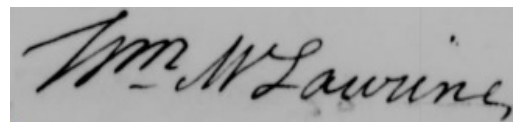
Powhatan County to wit

This day [15 Aug 1833] Littleberry Stovall personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in this State of Virginia and made Oath that he is a Native of Powhatan and has

always resided there with the excepting of the years 1786, 1787, 1788 when he lived in Richmond for five[?] months in Amelia County & Goochland That he is now in his 70 year of age. that from his earliest recollection he has known John Toney of said County who has made a declaration before Powhatan Court of his Revolutionary services in order to a Pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 That this affiant was born within one mile of the place where the said Toney now resides and has always resided. that this affiant well remembers that John Toney was ordered out as a malitia man and performed a tour of duty in the early part of the year 1781 as well as he recollects in Capt. George Williamson's Company when the Malitia from this part of Virginia were ordered to join Genl. Gates [sic: not Gen. Horatio Gates but Gen. Greene] Army before the battle of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] – That he also recollects being in service with the s'd. John Toney at the Seige of York when the s'd. Toney performed he believes a full tour of duty al all count [?] untill the Capture of the British Army. — This affiant also says that the said John Toney is an older man than this affiant and he remembers before this affiant was old enough to be enrolled on the muster lists to have heard of John Toney and other of the neighboring young men who are now dead or have moved away being out as malitia men performing a tour of duty. This affiant also says that the said John Toney is an old and respectable inhabitant of the County of Powhatan and much deserving of credit on Oath as any man in the s'd. County.

Powhatan County – State of Virginia – To wit

This fifth day of August 1834 William McLaurine [S9015] personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid, & made oath that he is a native of Powhatan (having been born in said county before it was taken from Cumberland) & has always resided in said county, except for 1789 till 1797, during which years he resided in Chesterfield and that he will be 73 years old, if he lives to the 12th day of next month, (September 1834). That he has known John Toney of this county, who has made a declaration before Powhatan Court of his Revolutionary services in order to obtain a pension under the act of congress of the 7th of June 1832 – from his earliest recollection, & about the time this affiant reached manhood, he was for many years intimate with Mr. Toney, & associated with him a great deal. That this affiant well recollects that Mr. Toney was ordered out in the militia service under Col. Wm. Mayo (then Captain) and served the tour of duty mentioned in his Declaration when Col. Goode was his Colonel & that he thinks the tour was one of three weeks. That this affiant also remembers well the second tour performed by Mr. Toney under Captn Mayo who was taken sic, & Hubbard took the command. This was the tour in which the affair, or skirmish happened at Hoods. This affiant was in service at the same time & was at Hoods. The tour which Mr. Toney speaks of being at Ware Bottom Church this affiant was in the cavalry, but he recollects the tour perfectly. Of the other tours of duty spoken of by Mr. Toney this affiant has no personal knowledge, though he well recollects having heard of them & has no doubt but that Mr. Toney has detailed them accurately in his declaration, for in all his life he never knew any man upon whose statements of a matter of fact he would sooner rely than upon that of Mr. Toney & this he believes is the universal opinion entertained of Mr Toney by those who know him.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm McLaurine". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: A pension application by Littleberry Stovall is abstracted in J. T. McAllister's *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War*, but none was found in either HeritageQuest or Footnote.com.