

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tinsley S1951

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State of Tennessee Sumner County

On this day personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Sanderson, John L. Swaney and William Edwards Justices holding the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Sumner John Tinsley a resident of the County of Sumner in the state of Tennessee aged about eighty-five years (as well as he can learn from family tradition having no record of his age) 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 the 7th A.D. 1832. That in the year 1777 or 1778 the year at this distant day he cannot with certainty remember – he entered the service of the United States as Volunteer in a company raised by Captain Davenport in Hanover County in the State of Virginia – he marched to Williamsburg in the same State where he met with Colonel Porterfield a recruiting officer in the United States Army and he enlisted under him to serve during the War – he marched to Philadelphia where Porterfield's recruits rendezvoused and was there placed under the command of General Washington – after his arrival at Philadelphia he marched under the command of General Washington to a place called Sandy Point to prevent the landing of the British fleet which they succeeded in preventing – after an active skirmish – after this period he was at the Battle of the Orchards which was brought home by Generals Morgan or Wayne or perhaps by the cooperation of both – Deponent was afterwards in the Battle at Brandy-Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] where he was slightly wounded – the Troop to which he belonged afterwards fought the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] the Deponent was selected to guard the Baggage wagons and was not therefore engaged in the action – Deponent was likewise at the siege of little York [September – October 19, 1781] where Cornwallis surrendered, he was there attacked with the small pox – which prevented his return to Philadelphia to which place he was informed most of the Soldiers during his sickness returned for the purpose of obtaining their discharges after the Army was disbanded, deponent returned to his place of residence in Hanover County in the State of Virginia where he received his discharge from an officer authorized to give discharges to such soldiers as were prevented from reaching the place by means of sickness where most of the Corps to which he belonged received their discharge his discharge he has long since lost. The time of actual service of Deponent was four years and a little upwards. The scattered recollection of Deponent will not enable him to recollect the names of the subordinate officers under whom he served as so many changes in this respect often took place – he however remembers that after his enlistment at Williamsburg he marched to Philadelphia under the command of Captain Jones, Major McQuill started and went a part of the way but he thinks he returned perhaps to Williamsburg again – deponent was born in Middlesex County in the State of Virginia his father shortly afterwards moved to Hanover County in the same state where he was

raised from that County he moved to the State of Kentucky where he resided a short time from thence to the State of Tennessee Sumner County where he has lived for the last 30 years. Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

S/ John Tinsley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Tinsley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Sworn to in open court August 18th 1832

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

[Stephen Stone testified that he lived in Hanover County at the time the applicant entered the service and believes the applicant served for four years; that the applicant returned home after recovering from the smallpox; the affiant stated that he believes the veteran served as stated in his declaration.]

[Robert Boyers gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for three years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[A handwritten note on the front of this file indicates that the veteran died November 30, 1839.]