

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Tomlinson S31431

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State of Kentucky Pulaski County Court: Sct.

On this 18th day of November 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Pulaski County, State of Kentucky now sitting as a Court Nathaniel Tomlinson aged eighty-five years, a resident citizen of Pulaski County State of Kentucky, 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 under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, that while a resident of Loudon [Loudoun] County State of Virginia according to his present belief and recollection in the summer of the year 1778 he was drafted for a three month Tour of duty in the militia in the company of Captain John Luckett [John Lockett] he belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Peyton, Charles West [George West] was the Major. He was rendezvoused with the rest of the man at Nolan's ferry on the Potomac [River] and after the being rendezvoused was marched through Frederick Town to Lancaster Pennsylvania, and from thence were marched to near Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, and there joined the Army under the command of General George Washington, General Greene at the time was attached to the said Army. The British forces at the time were in possession of Philadelphia the head quarters of the Army was at a place where we joined the Army under General Washington. We were engaged in Camp services, and employed while in camp in making ready to defend and protect the camp and American Army from the attack of the British Army which was daily apprehended. He was occasionally during the three months detached from the main Army on scouting parties, to capture the British scouting parties and in the kind of service above specified. Served out fully three months aforesaid and was detained in the service after the expiration of the above term by command of the officers not less than 10 days and at the head quarters of the Army was discharged from service and from thence returned home, but received no discharge in writing. Afterwards in the year 1781 while a resident of Loudoun County State of Virginia he was ordered out and called on according to number for a three months Term of service in the militia (agreeable to the draft above spoken of) in the company of Captain Thomas Cannon he was rendezvoused with the Company at West Tavern about five miles below Leesburg, we were then marched to Pomunky River [Pamunkey River] above Ruffins ferry where we joined several militia companies under the command of General Stephens [Edward Stevens] he belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Risby, he thinks that Thomas Meriwether was Lieutenant Colonel, Major Hardiman was the Major of the Regiment and was from thence marched to and joined the main Army at & near Williamsburg Virginia under the command of General George Washington, and was continued and remained in the service at the place aforesaid rendering such services as he was ordered to render, being frequently on duty Guarding the Army according to Term [?], and under arms when

ordered, until about ten days before the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [April 19, 1781], his three months having expired, he was dismissed from service and returned home. He served out fully and entirely the three months was discharged but received no discharge in writing.

That he has no Documentary evidence whatever of his services and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He is known to Martin Owens a Clergyman and Ezekiel A Porch resident of his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 or territory.

He was born in Frederick County Maryland on the 15th day of October in the year 1747. He has no Record of his age, but there was a Record of his age in the possession of his sister who lived in the State of Maryland, who is older than he is, he understood the Record was in a Bible once in the possession of his Father and the statement of his age is made from the Record aforesaid, which he verily believes is correct.

He was living in Loudoun County Virginia when he was called into the service. He continued to live in Loudoun County after the Revolutionary War about 20 years he then removed to Westmoreland County Pennsylvania where he lived until about the year 1820 when he removed to Pulaski County State of Kentucky in which County he has lived ever since and in which he now lives residing all the time in the same neighborhood.

He was drafted when called into the service. He has stated the names of the officers who were with the Troops where he served as fully as he can now recollect, as also the militia Regiments and the general circumstances of his services.

He did not receive discharges in writing for his Terms of Service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nathaniel Tomlinson, O his mark

[Martin Owens, a clergyman, and Ezekiel A Porch gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for six months in the Virginia militia.]