

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Tyner (Tiner, Tinor) S32561

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State of Illinois, County of Franklin

On this third day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court for the Honorable Thomas C. Browne Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Franklin now sitting Joshua Tyner Senior a resident of said County of Franklin and State of Illinois aged Sixty-five 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein Stated.

He states that he was born the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1767 in Wilkes County in the State of Georgia, and continued there until he entered the service of the United States, that he has a record of his age at his own house in his Bible, which he believes to be correct. That he was in his fifteenth year, some time in August 1781, when he entered the service as a spy then living in Wilkes County under the Command of Captain Joel Doss [also spelled Joel Dose], who had been appointed by the Government to range the frontier and guard it from the Hostile Indians then on the borders, the first rendezvous of the Company of Captain Doss was at Walter's Station in Franklin County Georgia. The company was constantly in service sometime ranging by itself and at others was joined by a more numerous force, when danger threatened or the enemy was near. The Regiment to which the Company of this applicant belonged was commanded by Colonel James Little. In the Spring of next year after this applicant entered the service the company was out ranging, in a southern direction from Walter's Station about one hundred twenty miles, on the waters of the Ocona [sic, Oconee River], then an almost uninhabited country, where we discovered the trail of some Indians, afterward ascertained to [be] Creek Indians, making in towards Stewards [sic, Stewart's?] Station, a place on the frontier, after ascertaining the route of the Indians we gave information to the rest of the forces, then at a place called Pullum's Station, about forty miles from where the trail was discovered a reinforcement was then immediately collected from the settlements and other stations, and under the command of General John Clark; and the Indians pursued, a few days after we came up with them, within about 12 miles of Stewart's Station, to which place we had at first supposed them to be making, their force consisted of about one hundred eighty, an engagement took place, in which this applicant participated. It lasted for about 30 minutes, and was very warm, when the Indians broke and fled from that part of the Settlement, leaving 18 dead on the ground while 13 of the whites was slain and some wounded, after the engagement an attempt was made to pursue them but which proved ineffectual because the Indians as was their usual practice, divided so that it was impracticable to pursue. The forces thus hastily raised amounting to about one hundred sixty and after the engagement they immediately separated, and those not in service returned to their homes, while the Company to which this applicant belonged returned to its usual duty,

marching from the fight, to Pullum's Station, from which and around which they continued to range and scour the Country, from Walter's Station in Franklin southwardly to the Schull Shoals on the Oconee River, making a route or range of near one hundred seventy miles in extent. This applicant states that during this service his company frequently discovered Indian trails and gave timely notice to the stations and settlements, and sometimes saw small bands of the Indians, and fired on them, Several of whom at different times, were in this manner killed, but that no further engagement happened in which he participated, while he continued in the service. He states that he then remained in this kind of service for the space of two years and upwards, when he was discharged, but that he received no discharge, there being then no provision made for their pay, and indeed pay then not being much talk about, there was not any particularity in the disbanding of the men. He states that there never was any of the state troops nor any of the regulars in the neighborhood and therefore he knows none of the regiments, nor any of the officers, after leaving the service, he returned to his father's in Wilkes County where he resided until the year 1806, when he emigrated to Montgomery County State of Tennessee the then Territory of Illinois, to the neighborhood where he now lives and where he has all along resided now being in Franklin County. He further states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no persons, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.

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.

S/ Joshua Tyner, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[Isaac Herring, a clergyman and Moses Garrett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois, Gallatin County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in & for said County Joshua Tyner who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of Memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below and in the following grades.

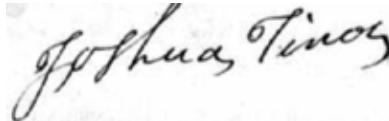
For four months, I served as a private under Captain Joel Doss

The next tour was for seven months I served as a private under Captain Joseph Nail,

For ten months & fifteen days I served as a private in actual service under the same Captain is Nail, and for such services I claim a pension.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1834.

S/ Joshua Tinor



S/ T. D. Hewitt, JP

State of Illinois, Jackson County

Amended declaration of Joshua Tyner to his declaration made the third of September 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, Joseph Tyner, Before the Honorable Thomas C. Browne Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Jackson, now sitting, a resident of Franklin County and State of Illinois, for the purpose of amending his said declaration and alleges as a reason for his appearing in the Circuit Court of Jackson County for the purpose aforesaid, that the Circuit Court of Franklin County at the present fall Circuit came

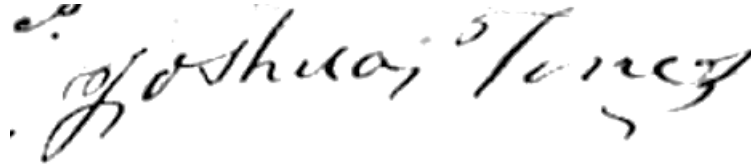
on and was held previous to the sitting of this Court, and that it was not possible for him to attend at said Court long enough to amend his said declaration at that term owing to the bad health of his family, and that he resides very near the line between Franklin and Jackson about equal distance from both places of holding courts, and more convenient to Brownsville in Jackson County than to Frankfurt in Franklin County, and that he did not desire to delay the amendment until the next Spring term of the Franklin Circuit Court.

The said Joshua Tyner says that he lived in Wilkes County State of Georgia, when he entered the service of the United States in his 15<sup>th</sup> year, I volunteering as a spy, and served as a private during all the times hereinafter mentioned. He entered the service in the manner before stated in August as early as the 15<sup>th</sup> under Captain Joel Doss as aforesaid who it was said had a commission from the government of Georgia as he believes, but of this he knows nothing more than he commanded as Captain and was respected as such by all other officers and privates. The term of this engagement was not specified but as he understood, was to continue as long as necessity required. That he was in service from the said time in August until as late as the 15<sup>th</sup> of December ensuing when he was with, two others, permitted by the Captain to return home until further orders, in this tour he was in no battles, but was ranging on the frontier, from post to post a distance of near 170 miles, from Walton's Station which is the most northwardly one, to Stewart's Station the most southwardly, of the line, some times the spies remained two or three days at one post at a time, but was otherwise moving from one end of the line to the other and were compelled to make the trip from one end of the line of stations above mentioned to the other and back in 14 days, and again another trip was commenced immediately, there were no garrisons nor regular officers or soldiers in the Country, and no delay at any point unless the want of provisions made it unavoidable for a few days, and no Garrison to remain at, only those rude stations which it was principally his business by ranging in the above manner to protect, this was the nature of the service of this tour from say the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1781 until the 15<sup>th</sup> of December same year, Remaining at home under the permission aforesaid and awaiting further orders of his Captain, and engaged in no civil pursuit or employment, until the first of March 1782. The news of Indian hostilities alarmed the citizens of the Frontier or rather the stations he was again called into service by Captain Joseph Nail, (Captain Doss having died in the meantime), and continued in this service on this tour performing the same services & duties as mentioned in the last tour until the first of October ensuing when the Indians as was supposed having gone to a distance, we were ordered by the commanding officer to remain at the different stations on the line and recruit [rest] our horses. It was during this last period of time that the engagement mentioned in the original declaration took place as there related this applicant remained at Walton's Station about 70 miles from his home, at which place he staid as much as six weeks, when he was permitted to return home, where he remained not more than 10 days, before Captain Nail ordered him with others immediately back to Walton's Station, where he arrived as early as the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1782. From this place and at which last mentioned date under the same Captain Nail he recommenced his former route and service as before described, and continued therein as much as 18 months from the said 1<sup>st</sup> December 1782, in addition to his previous terms of service, during which term he lost his horse, and was delayed about a week in procuring another. The winters there being milder than this latitude afforded, no obstacles to this service. It was also during this latter period that the treaty was made with the Creek Indians at a place called Shoulderbone on the Oconee River General Hawkins, who resided in Augusta in Georgia was a Commissioner on the part of the government to treat but whether there were more commissioners he cannot now remember, as soon as the treaty ended he was discharged, but as he stated he received no written discharge, from Walton's Station, the place to which he was marched and at which he was discharged, he returned home where he arrived in May 1784, since which time his life has been passed as stated in his original declaration. He further states that he

is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Elijah Spiller, a minister of the Gospel, with Philip Russell, Conrad Will, George Creath, Nelson McDowell, who can if present testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution in the manner before stated. He further states that he did not know at the time of making his former declaration that the minuteness of detail was required as seems to be by the latter part of note (e) in the private instructions herewith returned, and therefore did not sit it out, and he was not advised it was so material, but he states that the most of those particulars now set forth were stated in the Court then though not embodied in the Declaration. He will here take occasion to state that he was promised 200 acres of land by the government of Georgia which he never received.

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joshua Tiner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Tiner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Joshua Tiner".

[Elijah Spiller, a clergyman, and George Creath gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$71.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year, 9 months percent 15 days in the Georgia service.]