

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Toner S33815

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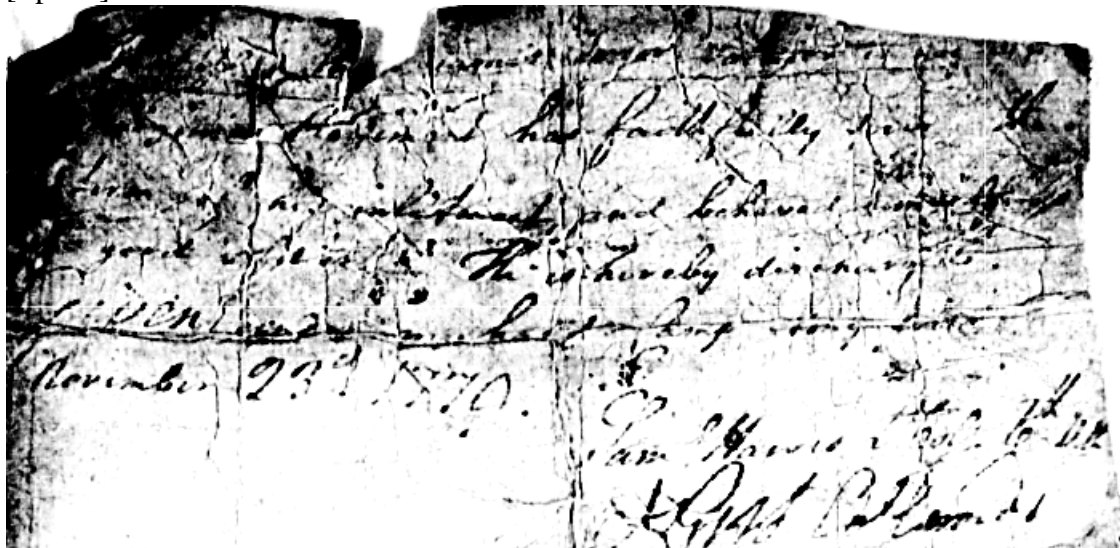
District of Pennsylvania, SS

On this 29th day of May A.D. 1818, before me, Richard Peters, Judge of the District Court of the United States, in and for the Pennsylvania District, personally appeared James Toner of the State of New Jersey who being duly sworn deposes and declares, that during the War of the Revolution he served against the common enemy as a private soldier in the Army on the Continental establishment – and that in October A.D. 1776 in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia he enlisted under Captain Franklin [perhaps James Franklin] and Lieutenant Cluff Shelton [Clough Shelton] for the they 10th Regiment of infantry – that he was in several skirmishes, but in particular was present at the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], & Germantown [October 4, 1777], and at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne – and soon after the taking of that place was honorably discharged, being then in the sixth Regiment to which he had been attached on Long Island, after the battle of Monmouth – that in his service he was in Green's division & Weedon's brigade.

That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support, that he never has received, or been allowed any Pensioned by the laws of the United States – that he is a resident citizen of the United States, and that his discharge is annexed hereto –

S/ James Toner, X his mark

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[The above appears to be the discharge referred to by veteran in his application. The document is very compromised but appears to be dated November 23rd 1779 and signed by Saml. Hawes, Lt. Col. 6th Va [Regt.]

Schedule

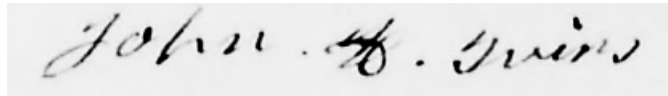
County of Burlington State of New Jersey: SS

Declaration in order to continue James Toner, on the pension List, under the act of May 1st 1820.

On this 12th day of February 1835 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of common pleas, now sitting, John H Ivins resident in Crosswicks in the Township of Chesterfield and County of Burlington who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to assist James Toner in obtaining the provision made by the Acts of Congress, of the 18th of March 1818, and the first of May 1820. To wit

That the said James Toner has lived with me nine years next spring always understood, that he was a Revolutionary Soldier and served through the Revolutionary War owing to my wife's wish I have ever since clothed and fed him, she administering to him his food every day, and tending on him, as a child would, on a parent She having been brought up by him and wife from her Infancy. In [?] the said Toner & wife having no children after the death of Mrs. Toner his wife, he became melancholy and since he has been with us, has become more and more so, so that he is now, and has been for a long time confined to the House and his room incapacitated from doing anything or knowing his old acquaintances when calling to see him – and this winter chiefly confined to his bed every possible search has been made for his pension certificate, but without effect, believe it is lost or destroyed by him when in his wandering through the Meadows and brush, from day-to-day, when in said state of mind, as to need watching as has been the case several times.

S/ John H. Ivins



Schedule and inventory with appraisement of the goods and chattels the property of James Toner now living with John H Ivins, Crosswicke, Burlington County, Conscientiously valued and appraised by us this 11th day of February 1835

S/ James Wilkinson

S/ Joseph Hendrickson

One Desk	\$5.00
One chest of drawers	5.00
Two Beds & bedding	40.00
One old weavers loam	<u>1.00</u>
	\$51.00

[f p. 9: On September 20, 1834 in Burlington County New Jersey, Anthony thorn gave testimony that he has known James Toner as long as he has known anyone and always lived within a few miles of him; that Toner never owned any real estate or personal property, maintain himself and his family by the Weaver trade; that Toner and his wife never had any children but Toner was the father of an illegitimate son who the witness does not know whether or not that son is still living; that after the death of Toner's wife, Toner gave up housekeeping and went to live with the family

of John H Ivins whose wife had been brought up by Toner and his wife as a Daughter; that Toner has for many years been subject to spells of depression or lowness of spirits.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing May 29, 1818, for service as a private for three years in the Virginia Continental line.]