

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Tedford S3775

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State of Tennessee Sct. } Second Judicial Circuit Court  
Blount County } Circuit Court Blount County July Term 1832

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Edward Scott Judge &c now sitting for the Circuit State & County aforesaid Robert Tedford resident in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy two since the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Jany 1832 as he believes who being duely 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 Viz In Rockbridge County State of Virginia on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1779 volunteered and mustered into service by Capt Alexander Telford [sic: Alexander Tedford, his brother, killed at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] & marched to Donleys fort [sic: Fort Donnally near present Frankford WV] in Greenbrier County Virginia to guard that fort from the depredations of the Shawnees Indians & applicant's Company or the one to which he belonged was the first to protect & defend that fort and remained until an other drafted Company came to their assistance commanded by Capt. Wallace there were no officers there of a higher grade than Capt. This term of service applicant does not recollect the length of. He then returned home - and on the [blank] day of September 1779 again volunteered for an other three months tour under Capt [Charles] Campbell and was mustered into service as a Sergeant of said Company in Richmond together with two other Companies Commanded by Capt [David] Gray & Cap [James] Hall & was then marched under Capt. Gray now Maj Gray to Cabin point [in Surry County] on the South side of James River. remained there some time then joined about 5 or 6000 regulars and was subjected to the command of their officers and marched to Petersburg where the malitia to which applicant was attached were detached to Richmond where the were discharged.

In Rockbridge County Virginia on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1781 volunteered under the Capt Alexander Regement of Col. Boyer [probably John Boyer] & Col. [Samuel] McDowell and marched to Dr. Allege's[?] and joined the Virginia troops — & marched down to Licking hole [probably Lickinghole Creek in Goochland County] the Head quarters or near abouts of American Regulars & marched and scouted about through the country in every direction for some time. We were then discharged - this term of service commenced on the 12 June 1781

Then on the day of March 1782 applicant was drafted and served as a sergant under the command of Left tenenat John Caruthers [sic: Lt. John Carruthers] & mustered in to service in Lexington and marched to guard & deliver the Brittish prisoners to the Barracks north of Winchester 4 miles or thereabouts. Applicant was there discharged. He never did get a written discharge for any term of service and has no documentary evidence for any of his services nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove all his sevices but can by one living witness prove in part, who was with him two Trips — Applicant has resided since may 1802 & still does reside in Blount County

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 of the States - or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Tennessee — [signed] Robert Tedford [James McKamy, pension application S2811, certified that he and Tedford had performed the tour under Capt. Campbell together.]

The State of Tennessee } SS  
Blount County }

Be it known, that on this eleventh day of May in the year of Our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me William Toole one of the acting Justices of the peace, being commissioned and in and for the County of Blount and State aforesaid, and also a member of the court of pleas

and quarter sessions for said County, it being a court of record, and authorized to administer oaths Robert Tedford aged 72 or 3 years since last January, who being first duely sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following amendatory Declaration (amending the one made January the 9<sup>th</sup> 1832 [sic] and returned from the War Department for amendment and explanation numbered in the office of Pension Claims 10.618) in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

This the amendment to the Declaration of this applicant made the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1832 and forwarded & returned from the war Department - No 10.618 shews - That he resided in Rockbridge County, State of Virginia and volunteered in that County, on the first day of June 1779 under the command of Captain Alexander Telford, and was mustered into service by him as a private, as stated in his original Declaration for no definite period of time, nor does this applicant swear to what length of time he served, but say it was not less that one month altho' he thinks it was more, but will claim only one month.

He, again, in the same County and State volunteered under the command of Captain \_\_\_ Campbell on the [blank] day of September 1779 for three months and served the tour as a sergeant as stated in his original Declaration Then on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1781 volunteered in Rockbridge Cty Va. under the Command of Capt Joseph Alexander, Regiment of Col. Boyer & Col McDowell. He volunteered for indeffinate period of time, nor can he swear positively how long he served, but says it was not less than one month for which he claims a pension.

He was then Drafted on the [blank] day of March 1782 for three months, as an Orderly Sergeant and served the same in that capacity under the Command of Lieutenant John Caruthers as stated in his original Declaration - for the nature of his services, names of officers &c, the department is referred to his said original Declaration -

As to the different grades in which he served it will be seen from this amendment, that six months of his service was performed as a Sergent and two months as a private - One month under Capt Tilford - one under Capt Alexander a private; both the two last mentioned periods of one month each - making in all for which he claims a pension eight months

As to the names of the officers under whom he served he has specifically named his Captains, Maj'rs and Colonels, and was under the command of none of a higher grade - as he was a Militia man and at no time was the regiment to which he belonged commanded by a General [see endnote]

He has no record of his age, nor ever had he - all he knows of his age is what he has retained in his memory - He always understood from his parents, that he was born in the year 1760 or 61

Having, now, as well and satisfactorly as his memory will enable him, answered and explained the two interrogatories returned in the brief annexed to his org'l Declaration with a negative, and as that was all which the Department required, he submits the same respectfully to your considerations.

As to some of the Citizens in his neighborhood, who can testify to his character as a man of veracity and their belief of his services as a revolutionary soldier James Gillespy Esqr, David McKamy Esqr, Col John Wilson, and James McKamy Rev Isaac Anderson, D D. & Rev D Hoyt -  
[signed] Robert Tedford

NOTE: During Tedford's tour beginning June 1781 he would have been under the command of Gen. Lafayette.