

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Tinnen (Tinen) S3814

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State of Tennessee, Giles County

On this the 22nd day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court in the County Court of said County now sitting & Holden by John Dickey, Benjamin Williams and Arthur M. M. Upshaw – Justices of the peace for said County and as such appointed to hold the County Court of said County and now sitting as the said County Court of said County – which said court a court of record having unlimited jurisdiction in point of amount James Tinnen a resident of said County of Giles and said State of Tennessee aged 74 years as well as he can ascertain from tradition & hearsay of his family – 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as served as herein after set forth & stated – that in the month of May in the year 1780 (and he does not recollect the day of the month) he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man in the County of Orange and State of North Carolina, with and under one Captain Thomas Thompson – also a resident of said County of Orange, and one Henry Morrow of Orange County as Lieutenant or Ensign in said Captain Thompson's company – sometime after he entered the service as above, one Captain Horton or Wharton took command of said company as Captain. Declarant & his said company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Stephen Moore of Person County North Carolina at this time, and the Sergeant Major was one Andrew Brooks. Declarant was drafted for five months after he entered the service as aforesaid he with the company was marched into Fayette County [sic, Cumberland County] North Carolina where Fayetteville stands – but to what was then called Cross Creek – we remained there for some time – then marched up into Randolph County-- got provisions -- & marched under General or Colonel Caswell to Rugeley's Mill in South Carolina. We there joined General Gates – remained with him there for some days – then marched for Camden where the British Army then lay – were met by the British Army about half way between the two places – fought in battle & were defeated. This was in August 1780. The battle was fought early in the morning the two armies having met or approached near each other the night before. The American troops being scattered and dispersed in the battle – collected and rendezvoused at Hillsboro N. C. a few days after the battle. The troops thus collected was under the command as deponent understood it of General Butler of this County. Deponent was himself attached to a Corps of Light horsemen at Hillsboro and served the balance of his time in said corps, which said corps was under the command of Col. Tom Taylor – and one David Grisham [?] as Captain declarant served out his said tour of five months and was disbanded in South Carolina on Pedee [River] below the Cheraw Hills the County not recollected nor the time of such discharge. There were no written discharges given on that occasion – several of the principal officers having gotten sick and gone home, when their time was out the remaining officers & the soldiers went home without form[?]. He resided in Orange County N. C. when he was drafted & entered the service as aforesaid. In the year 1781 about the 20th day of May of that year (under an obligation at that time in force in North Carolina that every 15 men should furnish one soldier for 12

months service) declarant volunteered for the class of 15 men to which he belonged, for a 12 month tour of duty in the said County of Orange & State of North Carolina. There the company to which he was then attached was commanded by one Captain Thomas Donoho or Danohoe [Thomas Donoho] at that time a resident of Caswell County N. C. he thinks there one Sanders was his Lieutenant in said company but does not recollect any of the other company officers the said company was marched to a Regiment commanded by one Col. Hal Dickson or Dixon [sic, Henry Dixon] – and as well as he recollects by one Armstrong – Ivy the was Major or Lieutenant Colonel – Major of said Regiment. From Orange County N. C. we marched to the high hills of Santee where General Greene then had his head quarters and joined him. Thence we marched to the Eutaw battle, thence we returned –to our former Camp at the said high hills. The winter of 1781 – 82 we spent principally at an encampment at a place called the Round O another called Paw Paw or pond pond [sic, Pon Pon] on Edisto River and at Bacon's bridge on Ashley River – all in South Carolina. At Bacon's Bridge declarant was discharged on the fifth day of July 1782, he being then under the command of Colonel Hardy Murphy [sic, Hardy Murfree] as Colonel – Captain Walton in the place of Thomas Donoho, who had been made Major in said Regiment. Declarant got a written discharge from Colonel Dixon at Charlotte Town Mecklenburg County North Carolina – Col. Dixon had been at home sick for a while & had joined the Army again at Bacon's Bridge and declarant supposes – [word obliterated by land ink blot] Colonel Murfree – commanded in his place. Declarant laid his discharge before a board of Auditors – then acting under the laws of North Carolina in said State -- & got a species ticket in place of said discharge -- & never saw or had his discharge afterwards. Said Dixon was a regular officer – declarant knew & served with many of the regular officers, some of whom he can name this Captain Bush, Captain Sharp, Captain Lytle, Captain Morris – Captain Prevard [sic, Brevard] – Major Ivy or Ivory – there were regular troops from Maryland & Pennsylvania at Bacon's Bridge, but declarant does not recollect the number of any of their regiments nor of any other of the regular regiments with which he served. Declarant does not know of any person now alive except Robert Tinnen¹ & Samuel Nelson² of Orange County North Carolina by whom he can prove his said Services or any part of them – he could have proved it by Captain William Lytle also who died some years ago in Rutherford County in this State, as well as I many others – since dead – or removed to parts unknown to declarant. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his said service – and knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure in proof of his said services. And the last mentioned service from May 1781 to July 1782 declarant was generally employed in the wagon service and was very generally known by the officers with whom he served – he was not actually engaged in any battle during his said latter engagement or service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever.

S/ James Tinnen



Sworn to and subscribed in open court 22 May 1833.

S/ German Lester, Clk

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1 [Robert Tinnen S7734](#)

2 [Samuel Nelson S8916](#)

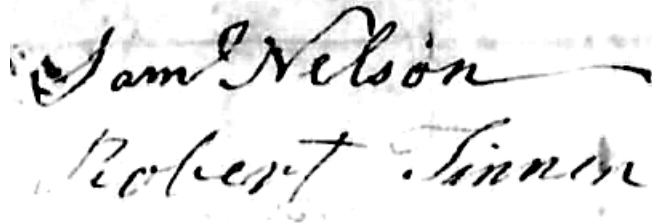
State of North Carolina, Orange County

This day Samuel Nelson and Robert Tinnen of this County came before me James Mebane one of the Justices of the peace for the said County, and being duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God, made the following declaration, that they were well acquainted with James Tinen formerly of this County but now of the County of Giles & State of Tennessee being his near neighbor until he left this part of the country & removed to Tennessee, which was several years after the conclusion of the revolutionary war, and that they very well recollect that he was a Soldier in said war, & particularly that towards the last years of the war, there was a law that the militia should be divided into classes of 12 men & that each class should furnish one man, who should be attached to General Greene's Army, and that these deponents were both part of a class of which said James Tinen was one and that some time in 1780 or 1781 (but they are not certain as to the date) Said James Tinen was chosen from our class, & went to the South to join Greene's Army, & they have reason to believe that he was in the service at least one year, as to the time of service Robert Tinen more particularly declares, as he is the brother of said James & they both lived with their father at that time, Robert Tinen also recollects that he the said James served one tour of three months before the time above mentioned. That he Sworn to & subscribed before me this 17th of November 1832.

S/ James Mebane, JP

S/ Saml. Nelson

S/ Robert Tinnen

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is "Saml Nelson" and the bottom signature is "Robert Tinnen".

[James Hall Brooks, a clergyman, Thomas B. Haynie and David Puryear gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st When and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Mecklenburg County North Carolina on the 23rd day of May 1758 as my parents always informed me.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have no record of my age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in Orange County North Carolina when called into service – from my discharge to the year 1806 I resided in Orange County N. C., and 1807 I moved thence to Giles County Tennessee where I have lived since & now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted for the first tour of five months as stated above, and volunteered as stated above for the second period of my service as stated in my declaration above.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I have stated in my declaration the names of such of the regular officers as I recollect who were with the troops where I served – I do not recollect the number of any of the Continental regiments – but I recollect Captain Tryee Captain McIntosh and the names of field officers stated in [my] declaration such as Colonel Stephen Moore & others. The general circumstances of my service are stated in my foregoing declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has

become of it?

[Ans:] My answer to this question is contained in my declaration

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans:I am known to James Begold [?], David Maxfield, James Johnson, Thomas B. Haynie, David Puryear and many others in my present neighborhood who can testify to my veracity & their belief of my service in the revolution.

S/ James Tinnen

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above.

S/ German Lester, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia.]