

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nehemiah Tolar (Toler) S3822

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State of North Carolina, County of Wayne } Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1832

On this 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before J. J. Daniel Judge of the Superior Court of Law now sitting Nehemiah Tolar aged about 93 years a resident of the County of Wayne 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, 1832.

That he was drafted in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution and served under Captain Lazarus Crawford until Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] – when he came home and was sick – he served five or six months --

After that he volunteered in a company of Light Horse under Captain John Grantham and Captain David Jernigan [David Jernigan Jr.] and served three months more and was discharged regularly. He has no documentary evidence of his service – but Colonel Ezekiel Slocumb¹ was with him and knows all about it.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nehemiah Toler [sic], X his mark

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I, Ezekiel Slocumb, of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify on oath that in April 1780, Nehemiah Tolar was drafted in company with this Affiant, in the service of the United States, in Wayne County N. C., under Captain Lazarus Crawford, Lieutenant Dudley [perhaps Samuel Dudley of Dobbs County], Ensign Willoughby Williams in the Second Regiment of N. C. Line commanded by Colonel Benjamin Exum, that said tour was marched to Fayetteville N.C. and remained there two or three weeks – thence was stationed Cape Fear [River] at Alex Aavers's [?]² above Fayetteville for a few days – thence in Randolph County N. C. where he remained a week or thereabouts, thence to Cheraw Hill S. C. and was stationed there for a few days – from Cheraw following the British Army to Camden SC. At the Battle of Camden affiant believes said Tolar was present – remembering to have seen him in the evening before, and having supped with him after the defeat, when the scattered forces were gathering in

1 [Ezekiel Slocumb S7526](#)

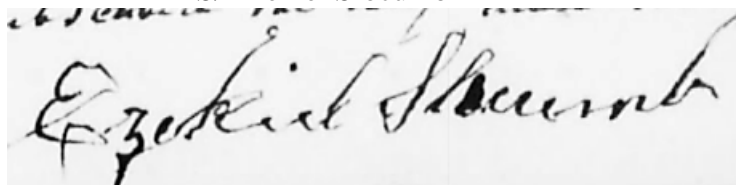


Wayne to meet the Army at Hillsboro NC. Applicant remembers that there was a report that said Tolar was sick and could not join them. Said Tolar was at least five months in this Term of service.

This affiant remembers also that Tolar was at one time a member of a Troop of horse in the County of Wayne – and believes he served as he states – and believes that he was engaged in a skirmish or two with the Tories. Affiant knows that said Tolar was in those times reputed to be a true & staunch Whig – and never heard an insinuation to the contrary.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid

S/ Ezekiel Slocumb



[Samson Lane, Esqr., and Micajah Cox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questions prescribed by the War Department &c
Nehemiah Tolar

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In North Carolina, Wayne County I believe in the year 1744

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

Ans: I know of none

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 have always lived and now live in North Carolina

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 in my first term and volunteered in my second 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 forgotten almost everything at ever knew. I remember General Gates was one General – and was defeated at Camden I remember Colonel McKinan [?]³ in my second Tour of service I have named the rest in my declaration above

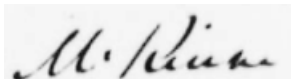
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received no discharge – from my first Tour in SC. I received a discharge I believe when I left the Troop of horse, but if so have lost it.

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: Col. Ezekiel Slocumb, Joseph Everitt, Sampson Lane Esq., Richard Washington & Micajah Cox

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M. Kinan? M. Kinne, McKinney? Lt. Col. Kenneth McKenzie of Wayne County is known to have served under Col. Benjamin Exum. Perhaps the veteran is referring to that officer.

Sworn to in subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nehemiah Tolar, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, County of Wayne} Superior Court of Law Spring Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court before John R. Donnell Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Wayne is Ezekiel Slocumb who being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith, That the date of the first Term of service as stated in the Declaration &c of Nehemiah Tolar bearing date 3rd day of October 1832 made before J. J. Daniel Judge of said Court was in April 1780 and thereafter five months at least serving in the capacity of a private.

That the date of his second Tour as therein stated was in the fall or winter of 1781 or spring of 1782 and thereafter at least three months – in capacity of a private under Colonel ___ –

This affiant further swears that the intellect of Nehemiah – never strong – is now so enfeebled by age and misfortunes that he cannot, in the opinion of this affiant, recall to his memory the particulars of his said Services – said Nehemiah is in his dotage – and must depend on the memory of others in his application for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court.

S/ E. Slocumb

[p 3: On December 16, 1851 in Wayne County North Carolina, Benjamin Strickland, aged 63 years, a resident of Wayne County North Carolina filed a power of attorney by which he authorized his attorney to pursue the arrearages or any increase in pension due Nehemiah Tolar. He signed the document with his mark. In a separate document the clerk of court found that Strickland was the son in law of the veteran and that the veteran died sometime in October 1839]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in both the infantry & cavalry of the North Carolina militia.]