

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Tullis S3838

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The State of Ohio Miami County SS: Court of Common Pleas September Term A.D. 1831

On this 16th day of September 1831 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for the County aforesaid Aaron Tullis resident of said County aged seventy-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first of May 1820. That the said Aaron Tullis entered for the Term of one year (the date of which enlistment he does not recollect having lost his discharge but it was directly after the Battle of Bunker Hill [June 17, 1775]) in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Hugh Stinson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Company until the expiration of his Term of service when he was discharged from the service on Staten Island in the State of New York. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any State except that of Virginia and the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for pension. That he is by occupation a farmer & has heretofore been enabled to support himself by manual labor, but that now the infirmities of age have rendered him unable to do so and that he is therefore compelled to apply to his Country for support.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That no material changes have taken place in my property since the 18th day of March 1818, but such as must necessarily occur in the term of 13 years & in the natural course of events & in support of myself & family except since that time I have lost several horses. That his family consist of his wife Mary who is old (71 years of age) & infirm & is able to contribute but little toward his support & also a girl named Catharine Derr aged 17 years, but that he has no control over her as Guardian or master and is liable to leave him at any time.

S/ Aaron Tullis

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the 16th day of September 1831.

S/ John G Telford, Clerk

Schedule of Applicant's Property

One fourth of a Lot in Troy with improvement

\$275.00

one Bed & Bedding ? one Do \$20 on Do \$20.00	80.00
one Bureau \$10 one desk \$4 one table \$4	18.00
one stand \$3 one trunk \$3 sundry kitchen ware \$40	46.00
two looking glasses 1.25 andirons & ore 2.50	3.75
one sorrel horse \$55 one White do \$15	70.00
one milk cows \$8 each \$24 two yearling calves \$4 each \$8	22.00
two spring calves 5.00 head sheep \$4.50	9.50
one lot hogs	8.00
	<u>8.00</u>
	\$552.25
Debts owing to applicant John T. Tullis	12.00
	<u>12.00</u>
	\$564.25

S/ Aaron Tullis

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 16th September 1831

S/ John G Telford, Clerk

The State of Ohio Miami County SS Court of Common Pleas August Term 1833

On this 9th day of August in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas for the County aforesaid now sitting Aaron Tullis a resident of said County aged seventy-nine 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted into the service of the United States for the term of one year (the date of which enlistment he does not recollect, having lost his discharge; but he distinctly recollects that it was directly after the battle of Bunker Hill) in Berkeley County, State of Virginia in the County commanded by Captain Hugh Stinson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in said company until the expiration of his said term of service when he was discharged from the service on Staten Island in the State of New York. A short time after his said enlistment he marched in said company (which was a rifle company, under the command of said Captain Stinson directly to Boston, Massachusetts or as near as they could get (about a mile off) – that when he arrived there his company and two other rifle companies, were under the command of Captain Morgan & the other commanded by Captain Crissup, he thinks were the only rifle companies that were there at that time as he believes. That this applicant continued with the Army which invested Boston, and that about the beginning of March following, the intention was formed by the American commander, General Washington, of erecting a redoubt upon Dorchester Heights, which commanded the town of Boston. Everything necessary for the purpose was prepared beforehand with much secrecy, such as preparing all the necessary timber, fascines &c; and for the purpose of deaifiring [?] the enemy, a cannonading was kept up against them for three successive nights, on the third of which the said redoubt was begun and finished. There was but one gun fired upon the enemy from said redoubt. The British under the command of General Howe, seeing their danger immediately prepared to leave the town; and on the second day after said redoubt was erected, they embarked on board their fleet and set sail. A day or two after the British evacuated Boston, this applicant with his company and the other rifle company under the command of Captain Crissup marched together directly to New York, and after remaining there three or four days, they marched to Staten Island. The night after their arrival they received information that there was a party of the British from a man of war lying near, on the island

getting water. This applicant with his Captain & about 23 others of the Riflemen set out for the purpose of capturing said party of the enemy. Having some in sight they advanced upon the enemy at full speed. The watering party, as soon as they perceived their danger, retired with all speed, to their boats, their pursuers sprang into the water after them and drew their boats back to the shore and made them all including one Tory prisoners of war. They were well armed but made no resistance. The British never landed on the island again to get water while this applicant remained there, which was until sometime in July as he believes, being the time at which his term of service expired, and the day on which the British fleet began to sail up to New York when and where, he was discharged from the service aforesaid. He was in no battles. He may be mistaken in the statement that he was a regular soldier on the Continental establishment as he may have been considered as belonging to the state troops of Virginia. He has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to prove his said 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.

And in answer to interrogatories pounded to him by said court, he saith –

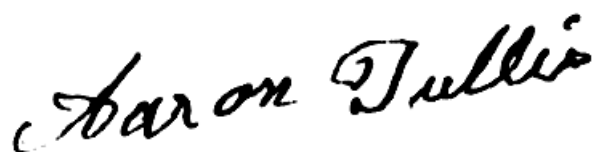
1. He was born in the State of New Jersey (but being a child when the family removed he does not recollect the County) on the 25th day of September 1759.
2. He has no record of his age
3. When he entered the service he was residing in the County of Berkeley Virginia, that he resided there a few years (the precise number he does not recollect) after that time and then removed to Redstone, where he resided six or seven years, then to Kentucky near Danville where he resided six or seven years – thence he removed to a place near Lexington Kentucky thence to Ohio near Lebanon, thence to Miami County where he has resided for about 30 years & where he now resides.
4. He has already stated how he entered the service.
5. He states the names of Captain Morgan, Captain Crissups who were with the troops where he served.
6. He received a discharge from the service which was given by Captain Hugh Stinson, which discharge is now lost.

He states the names of James Coe and James Harrison, both clergyman he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court ninth of August A.D. 1833

S/ John G Telford, Clerk

S/ Aaron Tullis



[James Coe and James Harrison, clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]