

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tapscott S38416

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State of Kentucky, Green County Sct

On this 26 day of May 1834 personally appeared in Green Circuit Court William Tapscott a resident citizen of said County, aged 70 years on the 24th day of January 1834 – who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolution and served as hereinafter stated under the following named officers to wit he entered to serve three months in the militia in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Jordan, as a substitute for his father Henry Tapscott, who had been drafted to serve in said company for said tour of three months, to guard the prisoners, then stationed at the Albemarle Barracks; at the time he entered the service this tour he lived in the County of Buckingham State of Virginia, the year he served this tour he does not recollect very certainly that thinks it was in the year 1778 and in the fall season of the year, this tour he served out until he was discharged by his Captain and went home, in this service he has no recollection that there was any Colonel or officer superior in command to the Captain under whom he served – his service was exclusively at the Albemarle Barracks in guarding the British prisoners, stationed there at the time. His messmates in this tour were Daniel Bagby,¹ George Staton & others. His second tour he served when he resided in Cumberland County State of Virginia and was drafted to serve in the militia for three months, this was in the year 1781 as best he well remembers it was the year Cornwallis surrendered, he served this tour in a company commanded by Captain Creed Haskins, his Lieutenant was of the name of Blanks or Blankenship he is not positive which, this company was in a Regiment commanded by Colonel [illegible²] he joined the troops of the United States on this tour a short distance above Richmond Virginia when the enemy were pursuing and the United States troops were on the march up the country on James River, and after he joined them they continued the march, until they reached what was called the Point of Fork on James River, here we made a very short halt, the British then returned down the country, and we continued the march down the River in the rear in pursuit, and ultimately marched to a place called the Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills] at that place there were a good many men under command of different officers amongst the number he



¹ [could be David Bagby]



² [could be "Mathis" or "Mathews"]

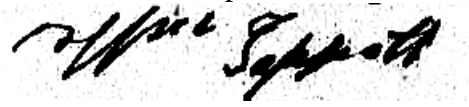
remembers General Stephens [probably Edward Stevens] very well, at the Maubin Hills, he remained until his time expired, he was discharged by his officers and returned home, and remained only five days when he again on the 3rd tour ended to serve three months more from the same County in a company commanded by a Captain whose name he has forgotten & who was unwell as it was then said & did not march with the company, but the company went on to the Maubin Hills under the command of the Lieutenant who was by the name of William Daniels, who continued to command the company until the applicant was detached to serve in the Infantry, when he was put in the company then commanded by a Lieutenant of the name of Joseph Coleman, whether the Captain had resigned or not he does not remember, he never knew him in the service – Lieutenant Daniels' Company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mathis, the Company of Coleman was attached to the same Regiment, from the Maubin Hills the troops marched on in a direction to Richmond and from thence marched to a small town called New Castle, from thence down James River, and ultimately to what was called the Burnt Chimneys, while here one morning information was received that the enemy were preparing to give us battle when the Army was formed, and in a short time thereafter Colonel Mathis the commander of our Regiment came riding *by us in a great hurry & told us to take care of*³ ourselves the best way we could, & he continued his flight in a hurry – some of the men fled & some remained, and a detachment of the enemy's horse came up & took some men of our Regiment prisoners – he was in no engagement with the enemy on those tours, but had some scouts, on several occasions – he continued to serve this tour, which he was drafted to serve for three months, until his time expired & requested leave to go home, but was required to stay a month longer, which he did and was discharged at the end of that time at old Williamsburg in Virginia having served in this tour four months to the best of his recollection he obtained on each occasion of his being permitted to return from the service home, written discharges from the officers commanding him but he has long since lost or destroyed them.

He was discharged from his last tour 3 days before the surrender of Cornwallis to General Washington at Little York. He was born as he has learned in Cumberland County Virginia, 6 or 7 miles from Cartersville on James River in the year 1764 on the 24th day of January – He has a record of his age though not now in his possession, is in the possession of a brother in North Carolina, which is his father's family record, at least it was the last account he had of it. He was drafted & served as a substitute as he has stated in his declaration, he was acquainted with General Washington when in the service, at least he saw him with his life guard where he was on his way to little York this was at he recollects to have seen General Lafayette, General Stephens & General Wayne, with many others of the Continental officers, this was however just at the close of his service, [indecipherable word or words] not a great while before the separation of his service. He has lived in Kentucky since the year 1812, he removed from North Carolina. He lived in North Carolina about 19 or 20 years, having lived in Virginia until his removal to North Carolina – he now lives in Green County Kentucky – he knows of no clergyman of his neighborhood who can testify as to the traditionary evidence of his service, he will however states that he is known to John B Tenison and other citizens of this County who can testify as to his character as a man of truth, & their belief of his service – He has no documentary evidence of his said service whatever & knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his said service or any part thereof. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity from the government except the present and declares that his name is not on the list of pensioners on any

³ The text in italics was cut off in the digital image posted on Fold3 but appears in the digital image posted on HeritageQuest.

agency. Sworn and subscribed this day and year above written.

S/ Wm Tapscott

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Tapscott", written in a cursive style.

[John B. Tennisson gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Carey Hardwich, a clergyman, also gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]