

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Tiffin S38444

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Virginia, to wit:

At a Court held for the County of Pittsylvania the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1822

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1822 personally appeared in open court (being a Court of record for the County of Pittsylvania) Thomas Tiffin resident of said County, aged seventy-five years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he, the said Thomas Tiffin enlisted for the term of six months on the \_\_ day of October in the year 1775 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Charles Crawford in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Howe in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the \_\_ day of March 1776, when he enlisted for the term of three years at Newbern [sic, New Bern] in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Williams in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the \_\_ day of March 1779 when he was discharged from the said service in Halifax in the State of North Carolina. That he was in the battles of the Long bridge [Great Bridge, December 9, 1775], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and at the siege of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and that he has no evidence now in his power of his services.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

The following is a schedule of my estate, necessary bedding and clothing excepted, to wit

One mare – 2 cows – 2 sows and 6 pigs, one table, one chest

One cupboard, a few small utensils of table and kitchen furniture of small value

S/ Thomas Tiffin<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Not the veteran's actual signature as the declaration sent to the War Department is a copied certified by the county clerk of court to be a true and complete copy of the documents in his files.

Sworn to and declared on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1822 before the Court of the County of Pittsylvania.  
S/ William Tunstall, Clerk

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Virginia, to wit

At a Court held for the County of Pittsylvania the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record having unlimited Common Law Jurisdiction for the said County, Thomas Tiffin aged about seventy-five years and resident in the said County who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, in addition to the declaration made before said Court on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1822 hereto annexed --

That he enlisted in the months & continued to serve for the respective terms mentioned in his said formal declaration, and was also discharged in the months therein also mentioned. The precise dates thereof not now recollected – But that upon his last mentioned discharge, he was prevailed on by his Officers to serve for an unlimited period as a volunteer – during which time of service he was at the siege of Charleston where he was taken prisoner, that he remained a prisoner about nine months -- & after he was exchanged he again enlisted as a volunteer in the first North Carolina Regiment Commanded by Captain Tilman Dixon [sic, Tilghman Dixon] – and during the term of service he was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs – and that he continued to serve in the last mentioned Corps until the month of November 1782 when he obtained a furlough, returned home was taken sick & was unable to read joined the Army until peace was concluded.

The said Thomas Tiffin on his Oath further states that his family consists of himself and his wife – that his wife is between 65 & 66 years of age and not able to contribute much to their support. That he himself is by trade a tailor – but by age and the infirmities incident thereto is unable to pursue it.

[Attested by William Tunstall, Clerk of Pittsylvania County]

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 29<sup>th</sup> of April 1823

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Tiffin a Sergeant in Captain Williams's Company of the second Regiment was mustered on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1776 for three years, “Pt. 1 Jan.ry, 78. Discharged 31<sup>st</sup> January 80.”

Given under my hand office the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1, 1823 for service as a Sergeant for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]