

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tanner S40553

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District of Pennsylvania: SS

On this nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1819 Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Greene in the district aforesaid personally came William Tanner sixty seven years of age resident in the County of Greene in the District aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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" that he the said William Tanner enlisted for three years in the year 1777 to the best of his recollection – but is certain that he served in the flying camp five months and enlisted for the term of three years shortly after at Martinsburg in the State of Virginia in the company of Captain Mitchel in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wood [James Wood] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the service of the United States until his said term of three years expired in the year 1780, when on a contest with a certain Ensign Russell who attempted to retain him longer than his term of enlistment, this Deponent applied to the Court of Berkley [Berkeley] County in Virginia and on proving that his enlistment was for three years only was by the said Court discharged at Martinsburg in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia, that he was in the Battle at York Island [this may be a reference to the battle more commonly known as the Battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776], the battle of White Plains [October 28, 1776] while a soldier in the flying camp and during his service for three years was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said service except parole evidence hereto annexed.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year first of aforesaid

S/ John Minor

The same day John Bartley¹ being by me previously sworn according to law, did say that he was in the United States Army during a part of the Revolutionary war and knows that the above named William Tanner was a soldier in the service of the United States.

¹ [John Bartley S39949](#)

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Minor

[p 4: In his filing dated December 18, 1820 containing his schedule of property as required by the Act of May 1, 1820, the veteran states that he served in the company of Captain Joseph Mitchell who was succeeded by Captain Joseph Swearingen in the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Wood; he also states

"I do also swear that to the best of my knowledge I am in the sixty eighth or sixty ninth year of my age, and am infirm and unable to labor almost deprived of the power of hearing, I was formerly a farmer by occupation but have lately attempted to keep a school, which occupation I am unable to succeed in. I have a wife between sixty and seventy years of age and very infirm and no other family. ...

Schedule

1 cow valued	\$10.00
1 very poor bed	8.00
A small piece of land of very inferior quality worthless useless except that there is a poor cabin on it may afford a home, if the possessor will support himself	valued at 43.25

S/ William Tanner"



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 19, 1819, for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to William Tanner S40553

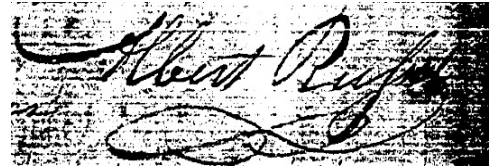
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 28 Jan 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do impower Albert Russel [Albert Russell VAS84] to Apply & take out my land warrent due me for Services as Soldier in the 8th Virginia Reg't from the 24th of December 1776 till the last day of January 1780 at which time I Was discharged & left s'd Reg't. Given under my hand This 23^d of Feb. 1784.



William Tanner having Authorised me to take out his land warrent due him for Services as a Soldier in the 8th Virginia Regiment, you wou'd much Oblige me by doing it for me, and I do hereby impower you to so do. Given under my hand the 2^d of Feb. 1780 Albert Russell
Cert'd Henry Bedinger [S8059]



I do hereby Certify that William Tanner servd as a Soldier in the 8th Virg'a Reg't from the 24th Day of December 1776 till the last Day of Jany 1780 and quit it by legal Authority. Given under my hand this 2^d of March 1784

Henry Bedinger Capt

5 Virg'a Reg't

(Copy) Cha Jones Clk

Albert Russell Lt

1st Virg'a Reg't

NOTE: The 12th Virginia Regiment was renumbered the 8th Virginia Regiment on 14 Sep 1778.