

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tellis S40559

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The State of Ohio Logan County: SS Before me Garris McIlvaine an Associate Judge of the court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid, personally came John Tellis, Senior, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that, in the spring of the year 1776, in the month of March as well as this deponent can recollect, and in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia, this deponent enlisted as a private into the Service of the United States, for the term of two years – that he was enlisted by Lieutenant Thomas Holmes of the Company of Captain Lee, and of the third Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel Mercer [Hugh Mercer], and of the Brigade commanded by General Woodford [William Woodford], on the Continental Establishment, in the revolutionary War. That this deponent afterwards, on the promotion of Colonel Mercer, fell under the command of Colonel Weeden [George Weedon], who took the command of said Regiment – afterwards on the promotion of Colonel Weeden, Colonel Marshall [Thomas Marshall] succeeded to the command of said Regiment, and under him this deponent continued to serve until they completed the term of his enlistment (two years) and was honorably discharged, by General Woodford, at Valley Forge. His discharge is long since lost by time or accident. He (this deponent) is now in the 69th year of his age, in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his Support. His own deposition and that of John Tucker¹ (hereto annexed) are all the testimony he is at this time able to procure, of his Services aforesaid – and further this deponent sayeth not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this ninth day of November 1819

S/ James McIlvaine, A. J.

S/ John Tellis, Senior, X his mark

Also, before me Garris McIlvaine an Associate Judge as aforesaid, personally came John Tucker, of said Logan County, who being likewise duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he was and is well acquainted with John Tellis, Senior, of this County, was acquainted with him during the time of his service during the Revolutionary War, and knows that he (said Tellis) served for the term of two years, under the command of General Woodford, on the Continental Establishment, and was, by said General, honorably discharged at Valley Forge, and, as well as this deponent can recollect and as he believes, in the month of March 1778 – and further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ninth day of November 1819

S/ John Tucker, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing November nine, 1819, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ FPA S40598