

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Tinsley¹ S6243

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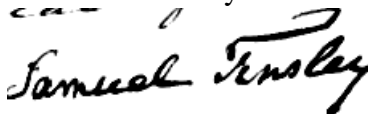
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State of Virginia Hanover County to wit

On this 28th day of August 1832 Samuel Tinsley personally appeared in open court before William Wingfield, Miles Mason, Charles Thompson Jr & Edwin Shelton the Court of Hanover County, now sitting, who is a resident of the said County of Hanover in the State of Virginia aged near seventy-four 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 act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the command of Major John Nelson, and continued under his command until the troops were consolidated into a Legionary Corps under the command of Colonel Charles Dabney. That he entered the service in the latter part of the year 1780 or in the beginning of the year 1781 and continued in the service under the command of Colonel Charles Dabney more than two years and until the close of the Revolutionary War, and the troops were disbanded, and that he was a resident of the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia when he entered the Service, that he was a Lieutenant of Cavalry while under the command of Major John Nelson and Colonel Charles Dabney, and not a Cornet as reported; as will more fully appear by reference to the certificates of the above named Officers. While in the Service he was called into different parts of the State of Virginia, where the defense of the State required the presence of the Corps to which he belonging [belonged]; that he was in no regular action but in occasional Skirmishes with the enemy. That immediately after Sinclair's defeat [St. Clair's Defeat also known as the Battle of the Wabash, November 4, 1791], he entered the Northwestern Army under the command of General Wayne, and continued in that service, until after the Treaty of Greenville [Treaty of Greenville, August 3, 1795 by which the Native Americans surrendered much of their claim to the present states of Ohio and Indiana], after which time he was ordered to the South, and continued in the regular Army in the rank of Captain on the frontiers of Georgia until the year 1802, when he retired from the Army as a Supernumerary and some years after he returned to the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia where he now resides. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Tinsley



¹ Va. Half Pay N.A. Acc. No. 874 See O50174 Half Pay Samuel Tinsley

[Parke Street and Samuel Jordan Winstead gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Thursday February 20th 1783 in Council

The Board having had under their consideration the Arrangement of Officers to command the State Troops do approve of the same and advise his Excellency to write to Colonel Dabney acquainting thereof, and directing that the Supernumerary Officers active on half pay.

Extract from the Council Journal
Wm H. Richardson, SC

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Hanover December 30th 1821

I do hereby certify that Samuel Tinsley served as a Lieutenant in a Troop of Horse in the State Legionary Corps I commanded in the revolutionary War, and that I have always entertained a good opinion of his Merit as an officer.

S/ Chas Dabney
Col. S. L.

I believe the above certificate to be in the handwriting of my uncle Colonel Charles Dabney
Wm B. Dabney
July 28, 1832

Hanover Dec. 30th 1821

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Richmond Virginia in 19 February 1784

Army

Warrant to Samuel Tinsley for one year half pay as a Cornet of Cavalry in the State line to the 6th of February 1784 agreeable to an act of Assembly entitled an act directing the Auditors to issue warrants in certain cases.

Auditors Office Virginia

Richmond first August 1851

I certify that the foregoing extract is truly copied from the Journal of 1784 page 334 now in this Office.

S/ R. Johnston, First Auditor

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To the Honorable the Judges of the District of Henrico

The petition of Samuel Tinsley

Humbly sheweth –

That your petitioner was in the year 1780 appointed a Cornet in the State Corps of Horse commanded by John Nelson Esquire and continued to serve in the said Corps till it was together with other Troops forced into the Legion commanded by Colonel Dabney in which your petitioner continued to serve in the said Rank till the reduction of that core which took place in the year 1783 on the 9th of February. That he conceives himself to have been entitled [to] half pay for life or to the five years pay allowed the officers of the state line with interest thereon that he hath applied to the auditor to issued his certificate & warrant for the same who refuses so to do alleging that the said services do not entitled your petitioner to the compensation aforesaid. Whereupon your petitioner prays that your Honor will take the premises into your consideration and according to the acts of Assembly in that case made and provided and that your Honor will proceed to do right there I am.

And your petitioner &c.

[the above certified as a true copy taken from the Circuit Court of Henrico County.]

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Return of Officers of the State Legion

Names	Ending of Service
Charles Dabney Lt. Col. Commit.	April 23, 1783
Alexander Dick Major	Retired 1 January 1783
Windser Brown Capt. [Windsor Brown]	April 23 1783
Abner Crump Capt.	Ditto
Frederick Woodson Capt.	Deranged 8 th of February 1783
John Fleet Lieutenant	Ditto
Wyll Coleman Lieutenant [Wyatt Coleman]	April 23rd 1783
James Harper Lieutenant	Do
William Slaughter Lieutenant	Do
David Mann Lieutenant	Do
Robert Boush Ensign	Do
Christopher Roane Capt. Art.	Deranged 8 th of February 1783
Cary Wyatt Capt. Lieut.	April 23rd 1783
Nathaniel Rice Lieut.	Do
William Armistead Capt. Cavalry	Deranged 8 th 1783
Dudley Diggs Lieutenant	Do
Nathaniel L. Savage Lieut.	Do
Samuel Tinsley Cornet	Do
William Graves Do	Do

S/ Charles Dudley, Lieutenant Colonel Commit.

[The above return certified as a true copy October 13, 1851 by J E. Heath, Comm'r]

[f p. 36: the same return as set forth above on p. 34 with the addition at the bottom thereof of the following:

Charles Magill Major of the State line

George Muter Colonel do

Walter Scott Lieutenant do

John Thruston Cornet do

The above mentioned officers received from this office warrants for Half Pay, agreeable to an Act of Assembly entitled "And Act for directing the Auditors to issue warrants in certain cases.

(Issued in 1783)

S/ Jno. Carter

Auditors Office, 28 November 1792

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I do hereby certify that Saml Tinsley served in the State Corps of Cavalry under my Command as a Lieutenant, until the Consolidation of the State Troops into a Legionary Corps under the command of Colonel Charles Dabney & that he continued in Service till all the Troops of the State Line were discharged.

I further certify that Lieutenant Tinsley was always considered an Excellent Officer.

Given under my Hand at Richmond, this 21st January 1820

S/ J. Nelson, late Commandant State Cavalry

Being acquainted with the handwriting of Major John Nelson, deceased I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing certificate is wholly written and subscribed by himself

S/ Thomas Nelson

I do hereby certify that Saml Tinsley served in the State Corps of Cavalry under my Command, as a Lieut, until the Consolidation of the State Troops into a Legionary Corps, under the Command of Col. Charles Dabney & that he continued in Service till all the Troops of the State Line were discharged.

I further certify that Lieut. Tinsley was always considered an excellent Officer.

Given under my Hand at Richmond, this 21st Day Jan^y 1820.

Being acquainted with the Hand writing of Major John Nelson, deceased I do hereby certify, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing certificate is wholly written and subscribed by himself

Thomas Nelson

J. Nelson, late Commandant State Cavalry

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Pension Office February 26, 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the Executor of Samuel Tinsley, who was a Cornet in the Virginia State Troops, and I find that said Tinsley was allowed a half pay under the Act of July 5 1832, entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," and was paid up to the 4th of March 1831. The Executor now claims half pay from the 4th of March 1831 to the day of his death. It is my opinion that the claim should be allowed. I therefore certify that the amount claimed is do you from the 4th of March 1831 at the rate of \$160 per annum to the 22nd of October 1833, when said Tinsley died, and the same is payable to Robert Saunders, Junior, Attorney of John B Tinsley, Executor of Samuel Tinsley, Deceased.

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
Secretary of War

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Cornet for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]