

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of James Tinch S6244

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State of Virginia } SS

County of Prince George }

On this 11th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before Jno. A Phillips, Thomas R Bryant, Ro Batte, and Augustine Burge, the Court of Prince George now sitting, James Tinch a resident of the the County of Prince George, State of Virginia, aged seventy three 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 as a drafted militiaman, and served under the command of Captain Edmund Ruffin and under the command of Captain Peter Williams and Lieutenant Henry Bonner and Ensign Eppes Taliaver [probably Eppes Taliaferro].The field Officers, (to the best of my recollection) were Colonel [Alexander] Dick and Majors [William] Boyce and Hoffler, and under the command of General Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. I was in the battle of York Town in 1781 [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], marched from Prince George County about the first of July 1781, crossed the James River at Hog Island [in Surry County], and encamped at Williamsburg where we remained three weeks, and from Williamsburg we marched to York Town, where I was discharged, and returned home the last of October 1781 and to the best of my belief and recollection I served in the Militia at different times as drafted from the beginning of the year 1778 to the time when when we were discharged after the battle of York Town State of Virginia, making the term of my service certainly two years. I have no documentary evidence of my claim I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

James hisXmark
Tinch

[Certified by Augustine Heath as clergyman (pension application W3417) and by Thomas Newell (S5813).]

The following is an amendment to my declaration heretofore sent to the War Department and in answer to the objections to my claim I say that the periods of the war when I served were in 1778, at fort Powhatan on James River I served six weeks with Capt. Edmund Ruffin, in 1779 & 80 I was with Capt Peter Williams and his under officers henry Bonner and Eppes Taliaver, with this captain I served four months we were passing about during this 4 months in the country between Powhatan and York T[own], I was discharged at Merchant hope Church in Prince George County after the expiration of said 4 months service with Capt Peter Williams, and in 1781 I was again march to york Town, and williams Burg as stated in my former declaration I stayed three weeks at Williamsburg, we started for this Tour in July 1781 and returned home last of October 1781 being four months service; in all nine months and a half. I was a private in all these tours and drafted each time.

1st Question. Where and in what year were you born

A I was born in Prince George Cty in the 1758

2. — see the Law

A. I had a record of my age but it is lost

3rd question

Answer. [I lived] In prince George County and ever since lived in the same county and still live there

4th question

Answer I was drafted.

5 question

Answer [Names of regular officers where he served] Major Boyce Col Dick General Mulenburg the regiments I do not recollect we were attacked by the British at Fort Powhatan and at the cross Roads and generally we were out on guards and watching the movements of the British army they the British landed below the fort and they marched Round on Land and took the fort, and then cut back and went up the James River.

6th Question

Answer I never received a written discharge

I never received a commission.

7th Question

Answer. [People in his neighborhood who can testify to his veracity and reputation as a soldier of the Revolution:] Capt Francis E. Rives, Capt Drury Birchette Capt Edmund Ruffin. David Williams

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