

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tomlin S6261

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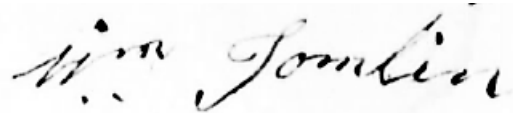
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I William Tomlin of the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution in the Foot service, and served two years, part of the time as Sergeant, and then enlisted in the Horse as Sergeant and served three years as such, and when discharged was Sergeant in Captain Henry Willis' company in the fourth Regiment of the Pennsylvania Dragoons and I also declare that I cannot say positively, that I received certificates for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1778 but think it probable I did, as I was in service at that time, and long afterwards – The lapse of time makes it impossible for me to say with certainty.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th May 1828 on the Pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this 17th day of June 1828

S/ Wm Tomlin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Tomlin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted.

State of Virginia Fauquier County, Sct.

On this 24th day of July 1832, personally appeared before the justices of the County Court of Fauquier William Tomlin Senior a resident of Fauquier County and State of Virginia, aged 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain John Chilton for two years and served in the third Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers at different times, Colonel Mercer [possibly Hugh Mercer], Colonel Weedon [George Weedon], Major Marshall [probably Thomas Marshall] who was promoted, and Colonel Heath [probably William Heth] during these two years he marched from Alexandria to Williamsburg, from thence to the State of New York where he was engaged at the fight at New York [possibly a reference to the engagement known as the Battle of Harlem Heights, September 16, 1776] and the White Plains [October 28, 1776]. Then the Regiment retreated to Trenton, crossed into Pennsylvania and was at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [Dec. 26, 1776]. He was at the Battles of Princeton [January 3, 1777], Brandywine September 11, 1777] and

Germantown [October 4, 1777] – He reenlisted at the Valley Forge in December 1777 for three years under Major William Washington for Colonel Milan's [perhaps a reference to Colonel Stephen Moylan of the Pennsylvania fourth Light Horse] Regiment of Horse which he joined in 1778 under Captain Moore in New Jersey. He continued in the Army to the North until the latter part of 1780, was marched to Lancaster in Pennsylvania and discharged. He resided in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia when he entered the service. He was enlisted as a Sergeant in the Regiment of Horse, acted as such for three years the term of his enlistment, and received \$15 per month.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any state.

S/ Wm Tomlin Sr

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$134.21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for his service as a corporal & Sergeant of Cavalry in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to William Tomlin S6261

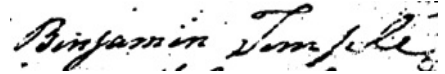
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 1 April 2022.

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

THIS IS TO CERTIFY,

That William Tomlin Sergt of the Fourth Regiment of LIGHT DRAGOONS is hereby discharged; having served the full Time of his Inlistment, as a good and faithful Soldier. Given under my Hand, the fifth Day of December 1780

Benjamin Temple [BLWt2214-450]
Lt Col Com



Several undeciphered words William Tomlin enlisted out of the infantry into the cavalry some time in 1777, he belonged to this state

John Marshall [S5731]
then Capt 1st V R
Feb'y 12th 1784



Feb'y 13th Reced for Wm Tomlin his Certifi[cate] for his land warr't of T. Meriwether
[illegible \] Moore