

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Magnus Tullock S6273

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The State of Tennessee, Blount County: In Blount County Ct. December Sessions A.D. 1832

On this 25th day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court for the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Blount County now sitting Magnus Tullock a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 68 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.

Applicant was born in the North of Scotland and the town or city called Kirknilo [Kirkwall?] he does not recollect the year in which he was born – he has no record of his age that he knows of.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. Applicant enlisted in Abbeville County in the State of South Carolina in a place called White Hall Fort on the Hard labor Creek at the residence of one General Williamson on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1777 in the 13th year of my age. Applicant enlisted for three years, under command of Captain John Bowie commander of the 2nd independent Company as it was at that time called, and was not attached to any regular Regiment, myself with a certain Sanders Moore was ordered to Charleston South Carolina to Col. Huger's [Isaac Huger's] Regiment in order to learn Mr. Moore to beat the drum & myself to play the fife, we remained at Charleston and on the Island near there for six months to learn to play the fife as aforesaid we were at that place put under the command of Captain Conyer [sic, James Conyers?], when the six months had expired we obtained permission for Moore & myself to go to Charleston 3 miles or thereabouts from the Island, we went, as we were walking up Street we met Captain Bowie our old Captain we solicited our Captain Conyers & Colonel Huger of the fifth Regiment on the Island for us to Join him & sent me back to the Island for that purpose I obtained the orders to Join my old Captain Bowie & done so; I played the Fife & was a musicianer [sic, musician?] during the three years of my Service. Captain Bowie remained with us some days in Charleston in order to obtain some Clothing for the Company. We were then marched to Fort Independence in Abbeville County, now but at that time in 96 District on Rocky River. Applicant does not nor can he at this time recollect the various dates of the precise times that he was marched from place to place, nor does he recollect how long he remained at Fort Independence however, we were then marched through the State of Georgia to the Cherokee Nation to a place called the Standing Peace Tree or near to that place we were then alternately marched through the upper part of Carolina & Georgia for some time. Some times we were under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] a militia General but most commonly we had no officer of a higher grade than our Captain John Bowie. Fort Independence being our headquarters we were marched to that place again on the ___ day in the year ___.

We were marched to the State of Georgia to a ferry at New Richmond the next down opposite to Augusta the British at that time was in possession of the town, we were stationed on the opposite side of the River where we threw up a Battery no officer higher in Command than captains there were a part of three companies one Captain Martin's company a militia man the others were what they called independents. We remained there until the British evacuated Augusta we were then marched through the town & on down to Bear Creek & Joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] or rather below the Creek. We after remaining under the command of the General & marching through the States of Georgia and Carolina we left them & were marched back to Fort Independence in the State of South Carolina and remained there some time & then early in the Spring of I cannot recollect the date of the year – Joined General Lincoln & was marched through the Country until the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] in the State of Carolina when I was marched to that place & was in the Battle at that place under the command of Major General Lincoln after the Battle we were marched to Governor Bull's Country seat under the Command of our Captain Bowie we remained there some time & was sent back to Fort Independence. We remained there some time guarding the frontiers & in November we were marched to Savannah in the State of Georgia and was in the Battle at that Place the siege at that place continued three weeks [September 16-October 9, 1779]. The British at that place kept their stand and we lost hundreds of man & were defeated. We were then marched back to Fort Independence to guard the frontiers and after scouting about there some time we were ordered back to the Cherokee Nation under the command of General Williamson in search of a British agent by the name of Cameron. We found him in the Nation but he fled & made his escape. We were marched back to Fort Independence remained there some time & were marched back to Augusta again under the command of Captain Bowie & Captain Luck [sic, Lush?], General Williamson was with us also but had no Regiment but our three independent Companies; when we arrived at Augusta we remained there some time to guard the place & hunt the Villains & Tories that were ranging through the Sand Hills &c. We remained there until after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] & were then marched back to White Hall where we were enlisted now called Abbeville County. We then gave up our arms & went to a place called Cow head & took protection, we however at this time [were] discharged [paroled] & were not to lift arms again for a year and a day. I got from Captain John Bowie a written discharge that discharge I have lost. The above time of three years I was constantly & incessantly in service. I was discharged in July 1780 to the best of my recollection.

I then in the Spring of 1781 volunteered under the command of Captain Bushelo [sic, Capt. Joseph Bouchillon or Bouchillion] a Frenchman [in the] Regiment of Colonel Anderson [Robert Anderson] in the State of South Carolina-- we then were scouting about between the Savannah and Saluda Rivers – until the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] in the year __ in the Spring of that year we were marched to Ninety Six & Joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. I belonged to Col. Anderson's Regiment & commanded by General Pickens & was in the Siege of Ninety Six. Lord Rhoden [sic, Rawdon] came up a British man [with reinforcements] and General Greene [decided] that it most prudent to give back [retreat] & done so. General Pickens covered General Greene's retreat & marched to Congaree River and stopped [at] Colonel Ancrom's [sic, Ancrum] place-- as we had come down from Ninety Six to that place we had taken some prisoners. Captain Bushelo was then ordered to take 11 man & march & to guard them to Camden about 32 miles distance to Colonel Armstrong. Colonel A. then heard that some Tories were coming down the River and ordered us to Scout about & see what information we could obtain. We found nothing of importance. Colonel Armstrong then ordered Captain Bushelo & his men to guard some empty wagons down to General Greene. We done so. He was stationed not far from the Eutaw Springs. We were then marched back to Abbeville County & put again under the command of Colonel

Anderson & General Pickens & was commanded by them until the close of the war. Some time in the year 1782 to the best of my knowledge I was for this last Term of two years [given] no written discharge.

The first three years which I was in the Service I was a Fifer and enlisted and had a written discharge. The last Term of two years I was a volunteer and served faithfully but received no discharge in writing. I have no documentary evidence whereby I can in any manner authenticate this declaration.

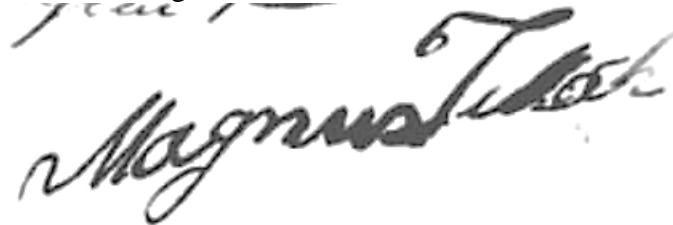
By the Certificate subjoined by Thomas Lesly the department will see I can authenticate substantially my Declaration, I refer them to his certificate.

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 any Agency of any State.

Applicant removed from Abbeville County South Carolina to Blount County State of Tennessee & have resided in the said County of Blount for about 27 years.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Magnus Lullock

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Magnus Lullock". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ Jno. F. Foute, Clerk

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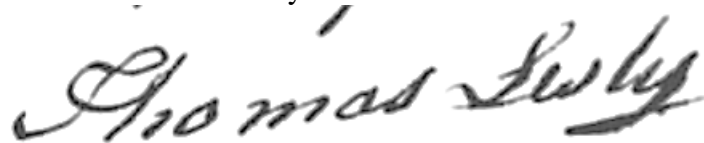
I Thomas Lesly¹ of the County of McMinn & State of Tennessee But now in Blount do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Magnus Tullock who has subscribed and Sworn to the above declaration when he was in the Service of the United States as a Fifer – and a regular Soldier. I was a waggoner during his Service as a Regular aforesaid and frequently saw him when in the Service & believe him to have served as he states during the three years aforesaid.

We, the last two years alluded to in his declaration, volunteered in the Same Army under the command of General Pickens and was with him in the Siege of Ninety Six & was well acquainted with him & has been so ever since, and I do also further certify that the said Magnus Tullock is a man whose Statements are entitled to credit & that we were the last two years in the Same Army together.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jacob F. Foute, Clerk

S/ Thomas Lesly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Lesly". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of Tennessee, Blount County} SS

Be it known, that on this 4th day of June A.D. 1833 Personally appeared before me, William Tool one of the acting Justices of the peace for plot County, Magnus Tullock aged 68 or

¹ [Thomas Lesly W381](#)

9 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following amendatory declaration (of amending the one made and dated the 25th of December 1832 – forwarded to and returned from the War Department-- numbered in the office of pensions 21,949 for amendment) in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This the Amendment of the Application of Magnus Tullock (amending the one of date 25th of December and returned No. 21,949) shows that he was born as stated in his original Declaration in North of Scotland in Kirkwall-- but he cannot recollect the year, he having no record of his age.

Deeming it unimportant to say any more in regard to his Tour of regular service of three years, as there appears to be no objections thereto, he proceeds immediately to correct the mistake with regard to the Tour of his services as a volunteer in the years '81 and '82. He states it was clearly a mistake that it was but for 18 months, to wit, that he volunteered 1st of April 1781, and served continually and was engaged in no civil pursuit whatever until the last of September 1782, making precisely 18 months the statement of it being two years, was an unintentional mistake made by the attorney, who drew the declaration; and that he was misguided by the statements made by Mr. Thomas Lassly [sic, Thomas Lesly] whose certificate appears to the original Declaration; that the mistake also exists in the said certificate; that it was Mr. Lesly himself, who served the two years that he served one tour of three months which this applicant did not. The certificate of Mr. Lesly to correct this mistake cannot now be had, as he resides 50 miles from this place in McMinn County and is old and infirm so much so that he cannot now be procured to testify in this County.

He refers the Department to his original declaration for the nature of his service as a private militia man. He swears positively that he served as a regular for three years, as a Fifer; and for 18 months in the militia as a private. As to the persons in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character as a man of veracity and as to his services as a soldier of the revolution he can state John Caldwell, William Williamson Esq., Samuel Thompson, Esquire, William Armstrong, Miles Cunningham, Samuel McCammon, Robert Hamill, Samuel M. Logan Jr. and Samuel Logan Jr., Jeremiah K. Moger [sic, Jeremiah K. Mosier], a Parson, Rev'd John D. Wilson, Daniel Ward, Col. Best & John Moore, Col. William Wallace, William Tool, Esquire and others -- &c.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ W. Toole

S/ Magnus Tullock

[John D. Wilson, a clergyman, and John Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Jeremiah K. Mosier, a clergyman, and William Harriss gave another standard affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a fifer for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]