

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ellis Tycer (Tyson) S6291

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State of Tennessee, Dickson County SS } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions January Term 1835

On this the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1835 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Ellis Tycer a resident of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-nine 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 7, 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; He states that he first entered the service in the militia of the State of North Carolina from the County of Halifax in the said State under the command of Captain Francis Jones, and Lieutenant Saunders, and Colonel Nicholas Long – he does not recollect the year of this service – but he remained in the service three months. During this term he was not in battle and was engaged principally in watching the movements of the Tories, in the lower part of North Carolina; he was part of this time under the command of General Ashe. At the end of this term of three months he was discharged – he served as a volunteer. He a second time entered the service as a volunteer in the militia from the said County of Halifax, and State of North Carolina, under the command of Captain Brickell, Lieutenant David Downs, in the same Colonel Nicholas Long; and was part of the time under General Ashe. In this term of service he marched into South Carolina, he served three months, and was again discharged, the time for which he volunteered having expired. He does not recollect the date of this campaign. He again entered the into the service as a volunteer in the militia from said County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, under the command of Captain Benjamin Green, Lieutenant Henry Harper in the same Colonel Nicholas Long, he remained in the service three months, at the time for which he volunteered, he was engaged in the service against the Tories took a good many of them prisoners, but was engaged in no battle. He does not recollect the date of this term of service and was regularly discharged at the end of three months. He states that he afterwards entered the service a fourth time under a regulation which required every class of 18 men to furnish one for the Continental service, and he agreed to go from his class for a sum which was paid him by the others. The term of service was to continue 18 months. He entered the service from the said County of Halifax and State of North Carolina under the command of Lieutenants John Ford [sometimes spelled Foard] and Thomas Pastures [sic, Thomas Pasteur] of Captain Peter Becoat's [sic, Peter Bacot's][company], Major Redding Blount & Col. Archibald Lytle. The time his service commenced he does not recollect. In this campaign he joined the Army at Halifax thence he marched to Warrenton, NC – thence to Hillsboro – thence to Ninety Six in South Carolina. At this place he joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] shortly after the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – thence he marched to Bacons Bridge on Ashley River, thence to James Island near Charleston. Here we remained several months until

the rumor of peace reached us, and we were permitted to return upon furlough after having been out about 14 months. On this campaign he was in no battle and from his being without education, he is less able to recollect dates & places. He served in the 1<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Regiment in this last campaign. He was acquainted among other regular officers besides those already named with Captains Coleman & Hadley, Adjutant Bush, Lieutenant Ivy [sic, Curtis Ivey or Ivory], Major Eggleston, and Colonel Stewart. He states that he has no documentary evidence by which to establish the fact of his services, and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity exempt 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 & year aforesaid.

S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

S/ Ellis Tycer, X his mark

[John D. Steele, a clergyman, Field Farrar & Robert Livingston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded to Ellis Tycer the County Court of Dickson on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1835 at the time when said Tycer presented his application for a pension

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, in Northumberland County Virginia in the year 1755 as I have been told by my father in his life.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have not

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer, I was living in Halifax County North Carolina, I was a volunteer on three occasions – and on one occasion I went into the service by the procurement of the class of 18 men to which I belonged.

4<sup>th</sup> Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: After the war I moved from Halifax County to Wilkes County North Carolina, where I remained three years. I then moved in the year 1792 to the now state of Tennessee, lived first in Davidson County several years: I then moved to what is now the County of Dickson, where I have resided to the present time & where I now live – being more than 30 years.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: This statement has been made in my declaration above, as particularly as my recollection will permit. There was a Pennsylvania & Maryland Regiment with us at James Island, Colonel Stewart [John Stewart]<sup>1</sup> was the Commander of the former and was killed at that island by a fall from his horse, in a frolic. He was buried with the honors of war, with great pomp & circumstance

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Answer: My last term of service endured about 14 months, when upon the news of peace I was dismissed upon furlough. When I served in the militia, I was discharged when my time of service expired, but I have not now any written discharge.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the

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<sup>1</sup> Col. John Stewart of the Maryland Continental Line was killed falling from his horse in Charleston County, SC on March 23, 1783. <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=93588956> (viewed 8/4/17)

revolution.

Answer: John D. Steele, a clergyman, Field Farrar, Robert Livingston & many others.  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

S/ Ellis Tycer, X his mark

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State of Tennessee, Dickson County

On this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1841 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Monthly Sessions now Sitting Ellis Tycer a resident of said County of Dickson and State of Tennessee aged Eighty-five years & nine months lacking three days who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the Service of the United States and served as follows to wit that his first tour of service was as a militia man that he was drafted in the Summer of the year 1777 to perform a tour of three months and belonged to Captain Benjamin Green's Co[mpany] – that this declarant was then living in Halifax County North Carolina that he was under the command of Major William Bricle [sic, William Brickell?] and Colonel Nicholas Long which officers was stationed in Halifax County North Carolina for the purpose of guarding the magazine where they kept the ammunition provisions clothing &c for the use of the Army that he continued in the service at that place and under the above named officers until the expiration of the three months and was regularly discharged by Colonel Long and that in the latter part of the same year, to wit, in 1777 he again entered the service as a drafted militia man for a tour of three months and was placed under the command of the same Colonel Nicholas Long and Major Brickle [sic, Brickell?] but his Captain's name this tour was David Downs that this declarant remained in service in the same place and under the above named officers aiding them in taking care of the ammunition clothing and provisions, until the expiration of the said three months and was regularly discharged in the first part of the year 1778 that this declarant was still living in Halifax County North Carolina that he immediately after he was discharged the service of the tour as above mentioned he again entered the service as a volunteer for a tour of three months and served under the war same Captain David Downs Major Brickle and Nicholas Long who was our Colonel and that this declarant was then living in Halifax County North Carolina and continued in the service at the same place and taking care and guarding the provisions, ammunitions & clothing that at the expiration of this three months tour he was again regularly discharged by the said Colonel N. Long but supposing that the said discharges would never be of any use to him he took no particular care of them therefore they have been lost or destroyed the last tour of above mentioned was performed in the year 1778 but the particular dates of these three tours of service this declarant cannot give more fully than he has done owing to the loss of memory that this declarant further states that in the latter part of the month of May 1781 he again entered the Service of the United States for a tour of 18 months that this tour he served under regular officers that he was then living in Halifax County North Carolina that the way they then entered the service was that each Captain's company was divided into classes of 18 men and that one man out of each class was taken into the service that this deponent was balloted from one of those classes of 18 men and was taken into service for an 18 months tour as above stated and after they had raised their quantity of men in Halifax County we was directed to meet at the place that Colonel Long was stationed in Halifax County where the dimensions or descriptions of all be balloted men from that County were taken by Major Hogg [probably Thomas Hogg] who was a Continental officer that we was then marched from that place by Major Hogg to Hillsborough North Carolina where this declarant was then placed under the command of Captain Peter Bacot Major Redding Blount and Colonel Archibald Lytle of the

first North Carolina Regiment that the above named officers, to wit Captain Bacot, Major Blount & Col. Lytle was all regular or Continental officers that we was marched from Hillsborough to Salisbury North Carolina and from there to the Eutaw Springs where we remained several weeks which was a short time after the battle was fought at that place that we was then marched from there to the town of Ninety Six in South Carolina to head quarters and was then put under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] who was then our General that this declarant recollects that the Pennsylvania and the Virginia troops was there after remaining there some time at this declarant does not recollect how long we was marched from Ninety Six to Bacons Bridge and camped at Ashley Hills that we there remained sometime and was then marched from there to James Island where we remained seven or eight months this declarant recollects that a Colonel Stewart who was a Pennsylvania [sic, Maryland] officer was there killed by a fall from his horse we was then marched from James Island to Fort Sullivan across the Ashley bay this was then in the spring of 1782 and we was there furloughed and sent home but was ordered to hold ourselves in readiness unto called for or until our 18 months was out that this declarant did return home in 1782 and did remain in readiness until his time was out but was never called for any more that the length of time that he was actually in service this tour was 14 months that he returned and remained at home in Halifax County upon furlough the over four months of his time but as he was never called for any more as above stated he did not get a regular discharge or anything more than the furlough and which he has lost or mislaid, as he supposed it would never be of any more use to him he further states that he has no documentary war record proofs in support of his claim that he knows of no one now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services he hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension rolls of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ellis Tycer, X his mark

[William Willey, Sr., a clergyman, and Raifred Crumpler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following are the questions propounded by the Court to Ellis Tycer an applicant for a Pension (viz) where and in what year were you born (Ans) I was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1756 (Qu) have you any record of your age and if so where is it (ans) I have none -- my father had a record of my age but it is destroyed (qu) where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live (ans) I was living in Halifax County North Carolina when called into service and after the revolution I moved to Wilkes County North Carolina and from there I moved to Tennessee and I have lived in this County (qu) how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom (ans) that or the them five are set forth in my declaration and which is my answer (qu) State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia he regiments at you can recollect (ans) I do not recollect the particular Regiment to which any of the officers belonged except my on but I recollect that I seen a John Ford who was a Lieutenant and our North Carolina Regiment and a Captain Edmund Gamble they were both regular officers of NC I do not recollect any more of them names except those who is mentioned in my declaration (qu) did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has become of it (ans) I have mentioned the particulars in relation to my discharges in my declaration © State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to character and veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution (ans) there are William Willey, and Raifred Crumpler both of whom can testify to my character and standing.

[James Daniel, 45, a disabled pensioner of the US [must be a pension granted for services in the

war of 1812, given his age] who gives a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the applicant.]  
[Abrim Coldwell, 59, a near neighbor of the applicant gives a similar supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Ellis Tyson a private in Captain Bacot's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months, and that nothing further is said of him in said rolls.

Given under my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1841

S/ Wm Hill

[p 20: letter from William Hill to attorney for Tycer stating that he has no doubt that Tycer and Tyson are one and the same person.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]