

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Tichanal S7727

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State of Virginia }
Harrison County } To Wit

On this 25th day of August 1832 personally appeared David Tichanal now a resident of the same County aged nearly 68 years of age in open court before the County Court of said County now sitting who first 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 7th 1832

That he was born in Morris Township in the state of New Jersey on the 16th day of October 1764 as appears by the record kept by his father now in this applicant possession (and here exhibited to the court) and resided in said Township & state until the spring of 1780 when he removed with his father to Hampshire County Virginia where he resided between two and three years from thence he removed to Alleghany County in the State of Maryland where he resided upwards of Twenty years from thence he removed to the County of Harrison where he has since resided for upwards of 22 years. This applicant further states that while so a resident of Hampshire County Virginia in the Oct'r. or Nov'r. of 1780 he entered as a substitute for Philip Putnam who was drafted as a militia man in the Company commanded by Cap't. David Richardson the first Lieutenants name was Daniel Ashby - rendezvoused at Moorefield then in said County (now Hardy) where we were enrolled from thence we marched through Staunton Va to Hillsbury [sic: Hillsborough] in the state of North Carolina where the Company to which this applicant was attached joined the troops their rendezvoused from thence he marched through Sallsbury [sic: Salisbury], Guildford [sic: Guilford] to Charlotte where Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] superceded Gen Gates [Horatio Gates, about 2 Dec] in the command when this applicant was detailed as one of the guard to Gen'l Gates Baggage Waggon and returned with said Gen'l Gates as a guard to said waggons by the way of Guildford, Sallsbury, Hillsbury, to Petersburg in Virginia where this applicant, Thos. Green, Reuben Redding & Peter Goff were discharged on furlough with orders to return home & draw our provissions on the way to s'd Hampshire County the General Stating he was then out of reach of the enemy and would be enabled to reach Philadelphia without molestation from the enemy. This applicant is not now certain as to the length of time he so substituted but believes it was for six months and did not receive a written discharge but a furlough which he thinks was retained by the said Thos. Green his comrade. he reached home sometime in the Winter but is now unable to state when. he was not called on afterwards during his said term of service

In the months either of June or July 1781 This applicant states he substituted for Henry Lighter of Hampshire County Virginia who was drafted as a militia man for the Company commanded by Capt. Edward McCarty, & Leut John Vandever we rendezvoused a Romney and we were there enrolled and marched to Winchester & thence to Petersburg where our Arms were inspected from thence we marched and joined the main army near Williamsburg where this applicant was placed among the infantry of the line (his first company being part Rifle & part Infantry) commanded by Maj'r. Reed, & Adjutant Bedinger, This applicant about that time remembers serving under Co'n. Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews] who was stationed part of the time at Birds Ordinary near the Burnt Ordinary [11 mi NW of Williamsburg] we were surprised by the British Cavalry when we were dispersed and this applicant returned and rejoined his original Company under Cap'n. McCarty served out his time with him and returned with him & part of the Company to his home in Hampshire County. This applicant is at this time unable to state precisely the time he was from home on said tour of duty but thinks it was over three months and his impression is the draft was for two months after the Company joined the Army he received a written discharge from Cap'n. McCarty which he has since lost, destroyed or mislaid. Again either in the months of November or December 1781 This applicants father Moses Tichanal was drafted for a tour of duty (to guard the prisoners taken at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town [19 Oct] who were confined in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia) and this applicant was enrolled as his substitute under Captain Isaac Parsons (the

Lieu'n name not recollected) as well as this applicant now recollects he with the company was marched to the Barracks within 4 miles of Winchester Va where the said prisoners were confined. As well as he now recollects his Company reached said Barracks previous to the 25th Dec'r. 1781 and there remained on duty until the 12th of March 1782 - at which time this applicant was discharged (which discharge is in writing he here exhibits to the to the Court, and is in the following words & figures to Wit "This is to Certify that David Tichanal has served a touer of Malisha duty for Moses Tichenal at the barracks in Fradrick County. Given under my hand this 12th of March 1782 Isaac Parsons Capt" He finally states he has no other documentary evidence of his service whatever and knows of no person in this country who can testify to his said services. But he can refer to James Parker [pension application W6853], Benjamin Parker residents of said Hampshire County Va who served part of the time with him and Jacob Coplin Esq'r. and Richard W Moore inhabitants and citizens of Harrison County Va. This applicant further states that he is satisfied that if the time he was engaged in his several services were accurately computed they would exceed twelve months —

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency or state.

[signed] David Tichanal

We Jacob Coplin and Richard W Moore certify that we are acquainted with David Tichanal who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a militia soldier of the Revolutionary war, that we believe him to be nearly 68 years of age and that we concur in the belief of his neighborhood as to his Revolutionary services

[signed] Rich. W. Moore

State of Virginia } to wit
 Harrison County }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in the County of Harrison and state of virginia David Tichnal who being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that by reason of of old age and the consiquent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grades as a substitute for Philip Putnam in 1780 as a private soldier in Capt. Daniel Richardson's company of melitia commanded by Col Dark [William Darke] three weeks and again in 1781 in the month of June or July he substituted for Henry Lightel as a private soldier in the melitia commanded by Capt Edward McCarty three months, again in the month of Nov or Dec in 1781 he substituted for his Father Moses Tichnal and served three months under Capt Isaac Parsons as a private soldier for which he now exhibits to the war department his discharge, and as for the other two for the tour under Capt Edward McCarty he had a regular ritten discharge which is lost or mislaid, as for the one under Capt Richardson he had no discharge except a ferlough given by Gen. Gates which he is positive was not less than three months for which services I claim a pension

[signed] David Tichanal

Sworn to this 26th day of January 1833 Jacob Coplin JP

We Jesse H. Goss a clergimen residing in the county of Harrison and State of Virginia and John Smith residing in the same County and State aforesaid do here by certify that we are well acquainted with David Tichnal who has subscribed and sworn to the a bove declaration also to the one made in open Court on the 25 day of August 1832 that we believe him to be nearly 68 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the revolution and that we concur in that opinion

Hamilton Goss

John hisXmark Smith

Sworn to this 26th day of January 1833 Jacob Coplin JP

[The discharge referred to above:]

This is to sertifi that david tickanel has served a tower of malisha duty for mooses tickenal at the barraks in fradrick County Given under my hand this 12 of march 1782 Isaac Parsons Capt

[The following report is by W. G. Singleton, a district attorney who investigated a large number of fraudulent pension applications from Harrison and Lewis counties with the assistance of

Nathan Goff, a pension agent from Clarksburg. For details, see pension application S6111 by David W. Sleeth.]

David Tichanal. draws \$30

July 21, 1834. Mr. Tichanal states that he was then in his seventyeth year of age. born in New Jersey, came to Virginia when 13 yr. old & settled on Pattersons creek [Patterson Creek] Hampshire county—

in the year 1780 (he thinks) he substituted in the place of Peter Putnam and marched from Moorefield Hardy county under Capt David Richardson to Hillsborough there joined Genl. Gates army. - then went on with the army to Saulsbury, and from that to Guildord then to Charlotte. whilst there Green took the command. Gates was arrested and sent on to Philadelphia for trial [sic: see note below] — there were sixteen men including himself detached as a guard to go on with Gen'l. Gates Baggage, on getting to Petersburg Virginia Gen'l. Gates gave some of the guard (including himself) furlough's - he Technal then went home on Patterson Creek - dont know for what time Peter Putnam (whose place he had taken as before stated) had been drafted - nor does he know the precise time he Tichnal was in service, - he recollects that he left home sometime [two illegible words] before corn pulling time and returned shortly after New Year,—

In the summer of 1781 Henry Lighter was drafted under Capt Ed'd. McCarty to serve two months after he joined head quarters - he Tichnal substituted in the place of Lighter & marched from Romney to Fredericksburg & thence to Williamsburg. Served out the tour and came home - he was gone from home 2 mo. & 2 days.

on returning home his Father was drafted for a two months tour to guard Cornwallis' Prissoners at Winchester - he went in the place of his father Served the two months tour and came home after getting his discharge.

Richd. W Moore wrote his Declaration - he gave Jacob Copelan \$12. for attending to his business. In Witness that this statement contains the truth he hath subscribed his name
July 21, 1834

Witness

[signed] David Tichanal

Nathan Goff

R. W. Moore informed the undersigned that Jacob Copelan brought Tichanal to his office with a memo. of his services. he wrote the Declaration - and stated the services in accordance with the memo. & Tichanal statements and this all he knows about the matter. A Copy.

W. G Singleton Nov. 20, 1834

[The following two letters are in the file of John Waggoner, pension application S7824:]

Clarksburg May 12th 1835

J L Edwards }
Com'r of Pensions }

Sir I enclose you 2 more Declarations made in open Court before the Judge of the U Sates Court for the Western D. of Va - David Technall of this [Harrison] County & John Waggoner's of Lewis County they were heretofore boath drawing pensions, and were stricken from the pension list because they were drawing to much, — you will discover that they are interlined, it was done by Mr Singleton & myself in Court before they were sworn to &c —
They each are no doubt entitled to what here they claim In haste yours Nathan Goff

Clarksburg June 23, 1835

Sir Your letter to Nathan Goff Esqr. of the 20th of May last on the subject of the application of David Tichanal & John Waggoner to be to be again placed upon the Pension Roll has been submitted to me. In reference to which I have to say, that during the spring term of the Federal court, these men brought their declarations to me. they were specially and particularly interrogated as to the service detailed by them respectively. after their Declarations were corrected and altered by myself, they were upon my motion [illegible word] to be certified. it will be seen that the corrections and interlineations are in my hand writing - these facts, together my previous examination of their cases for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not their was

fraud - the neighbourhood opinion of their services & their general good character all combined satisfied me beyond all question and that they were fully entitled to Pensions — I am fully persuaded that they originally were imposed upon by their agents; that they never contemplated or designed to commit or perpetrate a fraud upon the government.

I will add that when Tichanal & Waggoner were informed that they were claiming more money than they were entitled to, they very readily gave confession of judgments for all the money drawn including interest — I presume that my reports on these cases state that the parties are honest. that they have over drawn &c.

from my recollection of Tichanals declaration I think that although he does not say how long he was in service when guarding the baggage of Genl Gates, yet he does say that he was in service on that occasion not less than a deffinate period named. If I be correct, is not this suffecently deffinate, provided the whole time stated entitles him to a pension.

of Waggoners Declaration I have no deffinate recollection. from my notes I [illegible word] that he claims for 3 tours, neither of which is a six months tour - but I repeat that Waggoner is an honest man, that he may be mistaken in the details. I however feel well satisfied that his Declaration contains the truth —

Mr. Goff says that you are not satisfied that Leonard Critzer [S9251] is entitled. I am somewhat surprised at it, because his statement was more satisfactory than any man I examined—

Very Respectfully your obt Svt W. G Singleton

J. L Edwards Esqr. Com'r. of Pensions Washington City.

Since the above was written I have received your letter enclosing Mr. Critzers certificate &c June 25th 1835 Nathan Goff

[Interlineations by Singleton are shown between carets ^thus^.]

State of Virginia } SS } On the 9 day of march 1835 ~~personally appeared in~~ in open
Harrison County } } Court of the ~~County Court of Harrison County~~ of the united states
court held at Clarksburg Judge W D [illegible], - personally appeared David Techenall and in due
form of Law made oath, that he ^is now about seventy five^ years of age, and the following
Declaration for the purpos of obtaining a pension under the Law passed 7th June 1832—

States he was borned in Newjersey, moved to Virginia when he was about 13 years old and setteled on Patterson Creek in Hampshire County - That in the year (as he thinks 1780) he went as a substitute in the place of Peter Putnam under Capt Daniel Richardson, Marched from Morefield to Hillsbury and there joined the main army, he thinks Gates Commanded, - and marched from there to Saulsby and from thence to Gilford, to Charlook or Camden whilst there Gen'l Green took command, - Gates was arrested & sent on to Philadelphia for trial, There were a gard detached of 16 men to go with Gates bagage, - (he was one of the gard) thus went with Gates as far as Petersburg in Virginia, - when Gates give him and the other gardes a furlow he then returned home to Pattersons Creek, - dont know for what length of time he was originally cald out for nor dose he recollect the time he was in service this ture, - but that he left home early in October before Corn pulling time and returned shortly after new year. in the summer of 1781 ^having been at [illegible word] three months in active Service.^ Henry Lighter was drafted under Capt Edward McCarty to serve 2 months after they arrived at head quarters, - that he went as a substitute for Lighter, - he marched with McCartes Company from Romney Va to Frederckbert, thence to Williamsburg served out his time and one month & 3 days more was gone from home this Tour 3 months & 3 days ^having remained in service one month & 3 days longer than my tour under the requisition of my Captain-^ on returning home his father was drated for a ture of two months to guard Cornwallis's prisoners at Winchester he took his Fathers place went to Winchester served out the ture got his discharge - which discharge he sent to the War office with his former declaration, - The above is all the services he done during the Revautionary War, His last tour he ^thereby was ten months he deponats information on that subject he^ refers to his discharges which is in the war of office, with his orrigional Declarartion,—

he had a record of his age but has lately lost it, he has lived in Harrson County 25 years, - he came from Maryland when he moved here, - was borned in Newjersey — he is know in his neighborhood by J Staly J J Allen R W Moore, &c &c — he had a discharge for one tour, as above

stated, - he had other discharges but has lost them

[signed] David Tichanal

We John Allen a clergyman residing in the County of Harrison and State of Virginia and Joseph Wilson residing in the same County and State aforesaid also appeared ^in open court^ and certified that they are well acquainted with David Tichnal who has signed and sworn to the above Declaration that we believe him to be ^about^ 75 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion ~ Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] John Allen

[signed] Joseph Wilson

NOTE: Gen. Horatio Gates was not arrested. He requested a court of inquiry regarding his conduct at the Battle of Camden (16 Aug 1780), but it was never held.