

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Tilley S7731

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State of North Carolina }
Stokes County } SS.

On this 29th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me Charles Banner one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Henry Tilley a resident of the County aforesaid aged about seventy nine or eighty years living about twenty three miles from the seat where the Courts are held for said County 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 the 7th of June 1832 – that from bodily infirmity occasioned by old age he is not capable of traveling to the Court of said County in order to make his declaration in Court, therefore declares before me that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, (towit) that in the Summer or Autumn of the year 1776 he entered the service as a volenteer private soldier in Guilford County – (Guilford County then, now Rockingham) North Carolina & served in the notorious expedition to the Cherokee Nation of Indians in a company of Militia commanded by a Capt. Joseph Martin in a regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Williams of Surry County N. C. and marched over the Blue ridge of Mountains & joined the troops commanded by Colo. Christa [sic: William Christian] from Virginia thence to the Cherokee Towns crossing Holson river [sic: Holston River] & demolished several Indian viliges & after a Capitulation being made with Indians the Army took up the line of march and return'd home and was discharged In this service this applicant remained four months, the names of some of the officers he recollects towit Capt Henry Smith Capt Rich'd Goode [Richard Goode] & Mark Hardin Ensign or Lieutenant. the next service he embark'd into as a volenteer private in the Militia under the command of a Capt Welborn in Colo Woldridges Regiment March'd through various parts of Surry, Rowan, Iredel [sic: Iredell] & Wilks [sic: Wilkes] Counties in N. Carolina. The date he cannot remember owing to the infirmities of old age & loss of memory, But recollects of being in a Battle against Tories & British near the Shallow ford of the Yadkin River [14 Oct 1780] where a certain Capt Jinkins [Jenkins] was kill'd by the Tories, when & where the Tories were defeated & a number of them taken prisoners when this applicant was ordered to guard the prisoners & convey them to the Moravian Town [near present Winston Salem NC], where he was discharged & return'd home in this service he remained three months & some days. That he has no documentary evidence; & that he knows of no person living in Stokes County that can testify as to his services except his Brother Edmund Tilley [pension application S7732]

he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State – he says he was born in Albemarle County in Virginia But has no record of his age, that he resided in then Guilford County now Rockingham County N. Carolina when he first entered into the service to the Cherokee Nation, & in Surry County in the second & last service in all he served seven 7 months & now lives in Stokes County N. Carolina. he entered both tours as a volenteer. he cannot recollect the names of more of his officers than he has already named, & does not recollect of receiving a writen discharge but was dismissed by his Captains sd. Martin & Welborn, that he is acquainted with Gen'l James Martin [W4728] and James Davis Sen'r Esquire who can testify as to his character & veracity and belief of service, as a soldier in the Revolution. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written before me
C Banner JP Henry hisXmark Tilley

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On the 30th day of April 1833 Edmund Tilley being sworn according to Law deposeth & saith that he is about eighty three years of age, that in the Summer or Autum of 1776 his brother Henry Tilley who signed the foregoing declaration volenteered himself as a private soldier to go in & did start to the Cherokee Nation of Indians in that expedition against said hostile savages & that he was gone at least four months & returned home in the then Guilford County N. Carolina with other soldiers &c and afterwards the next Spring he said Henry tilley got Married & removed to Surry County N Carolina & some time in the Summer of 1778 or 79 this deponant does not remember, that his brother Henry aforesaid turned out as a Volenteer under a Capt. Welborn against the Tories and was gone in this service at least three months & returned home during this service this deponant recollects that his brother Henry aforesaid employed him to secure his crop of Fodder & corn. Sworn & subscribed the date above mentioned
Edmund hisXmark Tilley

NOTE: A document in the file states that Henry Tilley died on 13 Aug 1833. On 14 May 1842 Alice Throckmorton assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits due to her and other children of Henry and Elizabeth Tilley or Tilling.