

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Tilley S7732

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County} SS

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1834 personally appeared before me Charles Booker one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for Stokes County aforesaid Edmund Tilley Senior at his on the place of residence in the County aforesaid aged ninety-three or four years living about Twenty miles distant from the Court house of said County; and owing to the infirmities of old age, is very unable to travel thither who being first 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To wit:

That on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March in the year he does not remember,<sup>1</sup> he entered the Service as a drafted private Militia Soldier under the Command of Captain Jacob Camperlin [Jacob Camplin] at Surry Court House called Richmond Town in North Carolina and marched from thence to Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina at which place said Captain Camperlin's full company convened and joined head quarters his Lieutenant was a John Cook, but from old age & consequent loss of memory he does not recollect the names of the field officers though the Army he marched with from Salisbury to Charlotte, North Carolina and then to Camden in South Carolina & through said State several directions when General Butler [John Butler] commanded and crossed Savannah River to Augusta in Georgia which Town of the British Army had Burned & destroyed then marched a considerable Route in the State of Georgia and crossed said River Savannah back again into South Carolina & thence in Pursuit of the British Army to a place where the notorious Battle of Stono<sup>2</sup> happened in which this applicant was engaged when his Captain Jacob Camperlin aforesaid received a wound by a Bullet in one of his knees which bullet his saw extracted from his Captain's knee battered flat, which caused him to have a stiff knee as long as he lived, this applicant was ordered to nurse & help take care of said Captain & others that were wounded in said Battle one of the others that he nursed in the hospital was a Major Davy [sic, William Richardson Davie] of the Cavalry who received a Ball through his thigh and after remaining until the 24<sup>th</sup> of July after the battle aforesaid he received a written discharge from his Captain & returned home to Surry County North Carolina and on his way was taken sick with a fever and after having been gone on this service at the least four months reached his place of residence in Surry County North Carolina. The next Service he entered as a drafted Militia man & met at old Richmond aforesaid in Surry County & served under Captain Joseph Cloud and Captain Gaines [James Gains] marched across the Shallow Ford of Yadkin [River],

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1 From the events he describes, the year would have been 1779.

2 This battle occurred on June 20, 1779 [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

the Lieutenants he does not remember. But met with the troops & prisoners taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain<sup>3</sup> when & where my Captain & Company was ordered by Major Winston [Joseph Winston] to take charge & guard said prisoners to the old Moravian Town which we done & from thence we guarded them to Martinsville or Guilford Court house North Carolina & there I was discharged after serving at least one month to date he cannot recollect, he saw & knew several officers at the Moravian Town aforesaid, to wit Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Colonel Armstrong, Major Winston & a number he cannot name at present. The next service I was drafted again in the Summertime or first of the fall 1781 & marched from Surry County old Court house North Carolina under Captain David Humphries [David Humphreys] to Cape Fear River upwards of 100 miles & then to or near Wilmington North Carolina and a large Brick building we received information that Cornwallis with his Army had surrendered [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] to General Washington when & where I was discharged having served at least two months & 20 days making all seven months & 20 days for which he claims a pension.

He answered the several questions prescribed to be propounded by the War Department (viz.)

1<sup>st</sup> that he was born in the County of King William in Virginia

2<sup>nd</sup> that he would has no record only a Traditionary one on the sixth of March 1744.

3<sup>rd</sup> he lived in Surry County & has lived at the same place ever since which is now Stokes County North Carolina on the vision of the County of Surry

4<sup>th</sup> he entered as a drafted soldier in every Service

5<sup>th</sup> he cannot recollect the names of any of the regular officers at this time as he says his memory fails him but recollects of being with Major Winston & Colonels Lenoir, Armstrong, Cleveland, Captain Meredith & the last Colonel James Martin commanded as Colonel commander

6<sup>th</sup> he received to written Discharges but has lost them; the Tour to Wilmington he was dismissed verbally by his officers

7<sup>th</sup> he is acquainted were of a Col. James Martin and James Davis Esq. and has no witness living that he knows of who can testify as to his services except David Tilley Senior & John Maib Sr.<sup>4</sup> -  
- there is no clergyman convenient to him whose certificate he can procure &c

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.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Edmund Tilley, X his mark

[James Martin (who signs his name with the identification: "Ja Martin Senr. formerly Colonel Commandant of the Guilford Militia in North Carolina") and James Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.

*ided the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1781*  
*Ja Martin Sen*  
*formerly Colonel Commandant of*  
*the Guilford Militia in*  
*North Carolina*  
*James Davis Senr*

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3 This battle occurred on October 7, 1780

[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

4 [John Maabe \(Maib, Mabe, Maibe\) W4726](#)

[David Tilley, Sr., gave an affidavit supporting the claim of the applicant but without saying that he served with the applicant. No relationship, if any, is disclosed between the affiant and the applicant.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Tilley". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The name "David" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Tilley". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1834 John Maib Senior appeared before me the Subscribing Justice of the peace for the County of Stokes aforesaid he being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he resided in the same neighborhood with him a few miles of the within Edmund Tilley in the then Surry County North Carolina during the Revolutionary war, that he remembers said Tilley was drafted & went into service under Captain Camperlain in the Spring of the year & was absent from his family four months or more, that in his absence this deponent assisted in planting & tending said Tilley's crop of corn which was silking & tousling when he returned home the date he cannot recollect but believes said Tilley served as he has stated – this deponent further states that he served a Tour of service in the same Company with Captain David Humphries from Surry County aforesaid under Colonel James Martin to Wilmington North Carolina in the fall of 1781 & was discharged for a three month Tour. Tilley claims two months & 20 days which was faithfully served.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year last above mentioned before me.  
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ John Maib, Sr., X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 20 days in the North Carolina militia.]