

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Tinnen S7734

f18NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

rev'd 12/28/12

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina, Orange County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this the 27th day of November A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Orange aforesaid now sitting – Robert Tinnen a resident of the County of Orange aforesaid now in the 69th year of his age 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 7th June A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

This Applicant on the 10th day of February 1781 volunteered in the Service of the United States as a private and was attached to a company of militia commanded by Captain Thomas Thompson, John Whitesides was Lieutenant and Samuel Nelson, Ensign thereof. That said company rendezvoused in the County at Alexander Mebane's and from thence was marched to Harrisburg in Granville County, where we remained a few weeks. From thence we returned to Orange passing through Hillsborough we advanced to the High Rock on Haw River, where we joined Greene's Army. From thence under Greene to Guilford old Court House, and was in the engagement in that place on the 15th day of March of that year. This applicant further states that he accompanied Greene's Army to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River where after remaining a short time, he was marched under General Butler to Wake Court House, this was about the 1st [?] week in May of said year of 81. From Wake Court House, we were marched up to Hillsboro in Orange and were there discharged.

This applicant a Second time as a private entered the Service of the United States early in August 1781 in a company of militia commanded by Captain Haynes [?], David Scoby was Ensign, Lieutenant not recollected – rendezvoused at Alexander Mebane's Senr's marched through Pittsboro to Fayetteville (then Cross Creek). From thence down to Cape Fear [River], to a place as well as this applicant now remembers, called McLean's Bluff about 10 miles above Wilmington. We first passing Drowning Creek, Lumberton, Bluford's bridge on the North East [River] & Raft Swamp. After staying about a week or two at McLean's Bluff we were discharged by General Butler about the 10th of November 1781 & he returned home having served six months in all.

This applicant is known to James Smith, James Mebane Esq. and James A. Craig that he was born in the above County of Orange on the 8th day of December 1763, was living there when called into the Service of the United States, and has been living in the above County of Orange ever since the war of the Revolution that he entered the service as volunteer.

That during the said war of the revolution he knew General Butler, Colonel Jos. Taylor [could be Jno Taylor] of Granville, Colonel Thomas Taylor of Orange, Colonel Lytle & Colonel Reid & others. That he received a discharge for his 1st Tour from General Butler also his second discharge, which were both given to the board of Auditors in Hillsboro – his 1st Tour he proves by William Allen Senior but the Second he cannot prove by any person living that he knows of.

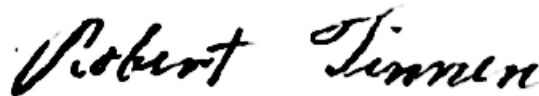
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

S/ J. Taylor, Clk

S/ Robert Tinnen



State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 1st day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Orange and State aforesaid, Robert Tinnen of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn Deposeth and saith (the same being supplementary to a Declaration for pension, he made at the last of November Term for the aforesaid County of Orange, which declaration having been sent to the pension office at Washington City and objections found thereto marked 'e, f, k' & No. 19366 and Returned) the said applicant upon his oath makes the following Supplementary Statement to remove the objections which were found to his claim – That in his first Tour viz in the Spring of the year 1781, Thomas Taylor of Orange aforesaid, was Colonel of the Regiment, to which Captain Thomas Thompson's Co. was attached in which he was a private as stated in his declaration, and that he was discharged in the Town of Hillsboro in aforesaid County of Orange on the 10th day of May of said year to wit 1781, having served a three months Tour.

His Second Tour, he engaged in on the 10th day of August of the same year to wit 1781 – Colonel Saunders of Wake County, commanded the Regiment to which Captain Haynes was attached and in which this applicant was a private & discharged on the 10th of November 1781. That in both of these Tours, this applicant served with an embodied corps called into Service by competent authority and that during both of said Tours, he was not employed in any civil pursuit (but in the Army). Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 1st day of May 1833.

Test: S/ James A. Craig, JP

S/ Robert Tinnen

State of North Carolina

On this the first day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Orange in the State aforesaid – Samuel Nelson Sr.¹ who being first duly qualified, maketh oath, that in the Spring of the year of 1781 he was Ensign in a company of militia in the United States Service commanded by Captain Thomas Thompson, and that Robert Tinnen now an applicant for pension was a private in our Company, and was a good Whig and always sustained a true friend to the cause of Freedom. And this affiant further states that said Robert Tinnen lived in the same neighborhood with himself during the war of the revolution and has ever since said war lived neighbor to him.

S/ Saml Nelson



Test: S/ James A. Craig, JP

[William Mebane gave a standard supporting affidavit, as did Ezekiel B. Currie, a clergyman.]

State of North Carolina, Orange County

This day personally appeared before me James A. Craig one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Orange and State aforesaid William Allen Sr. who being first duly qualified according to Law, maketh oath that during the war of the Revolution he was well acquainted with Robert Tinnen of

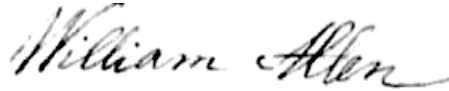
1 [Samuel Nelson S8916](#)

the County aforesaid, and served a three months Tour in the militia with said Tinnen under Captain Thomas Thompson, was with him in said Tour at Harrisburg in Granville County, High Rock on Haw River, where they were put under command of General Greene, remembers distinctly of seeing said Tinnen at the battle of the Guilford Old Court House, at Ramsey's Mill, at Wake Court House & marched with him to Hillsboro where the said Tinnen was discharged. This affiant in conclusion states that he was part of the Tour in mess with said Tinnen, that he was a good Whig & firmly attached to the Cause of Liberty.

Sworn to and subscribed on this the 15th of November 1832.

Test: S/ James A. Craig, JP

S/ William Allen



State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the first day of May in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange and State aforesaid, William Allen Senior now in the 70th year of his age, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that during the war of the revolution war he was well acquainted with Robert Tinnen of Orange aforesaid, now an applicant for a pension and that in the year 1781 he served a three months Tour in the militia with said Tinnen in a company commanded by Captain Thompson, remembers well of said Tinnen's being with them at Harrisburg in Granville County N. C., Hillsborough in Orange, at High Rock, at the engagement at Guilford old Court House, at Ramsey's Mills on Deep River & at Wake Court House, and again at Hillsboro where their three months Tour expired, and were regularly discharged

and further that part of said Tour he was in mess with the aforesaid Robert Tinnen, who as far as he has ever understood sustained the character of a good Whig during the war of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

Test: S/ James A. Craig, JP

S/ William Allen

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