

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Toombs (Tooms) S7740

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State of Virginia Caroline County to wit

On this 13 day of August 1832, personally appeared before the Court of the County of Caroline and State of Virginia William Toombs alias Tooms aged 77 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 provision may by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 in the summer season, with Captain Edmun Reed [Edmund Read] and served in the Regiment of cavalry commanded by Major John Nelson of the Virginia State line under the following named officers viz. Major John Nelson, Captain Edmund Read, first Lieutenant Clem. Read [Clement Read], don't recollect 2nd Lieutenant believes his Cornet's name was Nicholson. He states that he served out the two years for which he had enlisted and was discharged in Amelia County in the summer of 1780, Edmund Read still being his Captain.

He states that he was residing in Charlotte County in Virginia at the time of his enlistment, was at the siege of York, was stationed at nine months in Albemarle [indecipherable word or symbol] guarding British prisoners.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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S/ William Tombs, X his mark

Caroline County to wit: John L Pendleton Cd [?]

On this 14th March 1833 the above named William Toombs alias Tooms appeared in Court before the justices of the said County, who being duly sworn deposed & saith for amendment to his above declaration, that he was born in the County of Caroline Virginia in the year 1756 that he was residing in Charlotte County Virginia at the time of his enlistment that he is now & ever has been since the Revolutionary War a resident of the County of Caroline Virginia, that he has no record of his age, that he has no documentary evidence of his service having long since lost his discharge which was given to him by Captain Read, but has procured the affidavits of William [last name illegibly faint] & [indecipherable name] as to his service which are herewith sent, that he cannot conveniently obtain the evidence of a clergyman there being none in his neighborhood who know anything of his service.

Sworn to & subscribed the 14th day of March 1833.

S/ William Toombs, X his mark

William Pettis of Caroline County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I have known William Toombs from boyhood, and I further certify that she [sic, he] said Toombs enlisted in the State service for two years in the revolutionary war under Captain Edmund Read, in the Regiment commanded by Major Nelson, in the year 1778, and that he served out the term of his enlistment – given under my hand this 25th day of June 1832

S/ William Pettis

William Pettis

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Caroline County Virginia

The affidavit of William Reynolds¹ of the County and State aforesaid who is aged 73 years and who appears to be of the age that he represents himself to be testifieth that William Toombs enlisted in the state service under Captain Edmond Read and was afterwards attached to a Troop of horse commanded by Major John Nelson and that his term of service was two years. February 11th 1833.

S/ William Reynolds, X his mark

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I Bartholomew Taylor of Caroline County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was acquainted with ^{William} Toombs alias Tooms in the revolutionary war, and knows that he was in the regular service in the war – He served in the company of Captain Edmund Reed (a cavalry company) and enlisted, as I understood for the term of two years, which he served out – the above is stated to the best of my recollection and the name of William interlined before signed. [attested by Richard Buckner, JP February 12, 1833]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the cavalry for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ This MAY be the same man as FPA S5982