

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Tomlinson S7745

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State of North Carolina, Anson County} October Session 1832

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Allen Carpenter one of the acting Justices for said County of Anson Richard Tomlinson a Resident in said County of Anson Aged eighty-four 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 Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, he says that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, he says that he first engagement he entered the Service at Tarborough [Tarboro] North Carolina. That he Joined the Army as a volunteer in the Militia Service about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1780 – in Edgecombe County North Carolina in the horse company or the Dragoons under Captain Jones [John Jones] and David Smith was Lieutenant and Peter Cartwright Cornet, he says that he entered the Service as Second Sergeant served as such two months and that he marched from Edgecombe County to Halifax Town & from there marched under the command of Colonel Whitaker [probably John Whitaker of Halifax] under General Jones [Allen Jones] to Hillsboro, then to Salisbury & then to Charlotte where he continued some time and was discharged about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1780, serving two months as Second Sergeant, he further says that he entered the second engagement under Captain Malachi Mann in the County of Edgecombe as a private, about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1781 as a Volunteer that he engaged for three Months in the Militia Service & that he served his time out – was discharged about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1781 – that he Served under Col. Henry Hart at Tarborough & did not March with any regular regiments during the Trip or time of Service, he further says that he entered the 3<sup>rd</sup> Engagement about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1781 as a Substitute and served six weeks and was discharged about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1781 he says that he entered the Army the Last tour under Captain Malachi Mann – and under Colonel Hart & marched to Tarborough and continued in the County till he was discharged, that in all said engagements he served in the Cavalry or Dragoon Service and further says that in all said Engagements he served six months & two weeks two months of which he did was commissioned as Second Sergeant. 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 and he says that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Allen Carpenter, JP

S/ Richard Tomlinson, X his mark

[John S. Kendall, a clergyman, and Isaac Carpenter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions 1<sup>st</sup> Where were you born?

Ans: in Sussex County in Virginia

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age ?

Ans: I have none but always understood that I was born in the date of 1748 or 1749

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: in Edgecombe County North Carolina, I moved from there to Wake County & continued there about 20 years & then came to Anson & I have been here ever since

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer, in my first engagement, when I went to Charlotte there was a Great alarm in that part of the County by the Tories and there was public orders to raise men to go to quell them & I volunteered under Captain Jones to go out in my second engagement I volunteered under Captain Mann by public orders to march & to keep the Tories and disaffected men in subjection in my third engagement I took the place of Nathaniel Parmenter as a Substitute and served six weeks & was discharged

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer, in my first engagement we marched under General Jones we had no foot Troops with us neither any regular troops unless General Jones was a Continental officer my second & third Tours of service was similar

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I remember Receiving a discharge from Captain Jones but have lost or mislaid it & I think I did for every Tour of Service but have lost them

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: Jno S. Kendall & Isaac Carpenter and all my neighbors will state the same – sworn to before made this 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1832

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 2 months and as a private for 4 months and 27 days, all in the North Carolina militia.]