

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Tullis W26558

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State of Indiana Franklin County: SS

On this 19th day of September A.D. 1827 personally appeared in open Court being the Franklin Circuit Court for the County aforesaid being a Court of record within the State aforesaid Michael Tullis aged about seventy-one years a resident of the County aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Michael Tullis was born in the State of New Jersey in the month of February 1756 that he enlisted for the term of one year in 1775 in Berkeley County State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Hugh Stinson in the eighth Continental Regiment of Infantry it being a Virginia Regiment in the Continental Service at that time commanded as he thinks by Colonel William Darke: that he continued to serve in the said Company and Regiment for the period of one year the term of his enlistment and was then honorably discharged that in the year 1776 he again enlisted in the said eighth Continental Regiment in the County of Berkeley and State of Virginia under Captain Daniel Culp for three years; that he continued to serve the full period of his enlistment and was then honorably discharged – the last year he served he was with fifty-five others commanded by Captain Levingston [Livingston] and he thinks was son to the Governor of New Jersey [William Livingston was Governor of New Jersey from August 31, 1776 two July 25, 1790]; the Corps he thinks was formed by the selection of four men from each Regiment for the Life Guard of General Washington. He was discharged at Amboy receiving an honorable discharge which he lost. That he was in the battles of Staten Island [August 22, 1777], of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777]; that he had his right arm broken in the service; that he is now living in the County of Franklin and State of Indiana and has for the last seven years – that he relinquishes his every claim whatever to any pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of Virginia. The reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension or that he made application at Lebanon in Ohio about eight years ago and was informed he could not obtain a pension because the Rolls in the Department of War were destroyed – that his extreme indisposition prevented him from making application since that time till the September Term of Franklin Circuit Court A.D. 1826.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United

States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule to wit one mare worth \$30, two cows and calves six dollars each, five sheep one dollar each, two sows and 11 shoats eight dollars, one Bureau four dollars, kitchen furniture five dollars, wheels &c two dollars, three skilletts five dollars, one ax and two hoes two dollars, amounting to \$71. That I am indebted to sundry persons the sum of \$24. And have nothing do me from any person whatever; that in 1818 I owned nothing but one little wagon and two small mares which I sold to support my family; the names of the persons to whom I sold are not recollected nor the time of sale but think it was in 1820. I received nothing but grain in payment to the best of my recollection. I had been laboring under the consumption for some years as I am informed by professional men. I am unable to do any kind of work without increasing my disease. I have 18 children four of whom are now at home with me the eldest of whom is 18 years of age the second 15, the third 13, and the fourth in. The three first named all-girls all of whom are incapable of rendering him but little service.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court in Franklin Circuit Court for the County of Franklin and State of Ohio on the 19th day of September A.D. 1827.

S/ Michael Tullis

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State of Ohio Miami County: SS

Before me Cornelius Westfall an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Aaron Tullis Senior<sup>1</sup> of lawful age who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that Michael Tullis of Franklin County Indiana was born in the State of New Jersey that he enlisted in Berkeley County Virginia full one-year (as well as this deponent recollects was in the year A.D. 1775, a short time after the battle of Bunker Hill [June 17, 1775]) in the rifle company commanded by Captain Hugh Stinson, and was marched immediately to Boston, at which place we were joined by Captain Daniel Morgan who commanded a Rifle Company from Frederick County in the State of Virginia and Captain Michael Crisup who commanded another rifle company from the State of Maryland, this deponent does not know to what Regiment or line those Companies were attached, or belonged, as the American Army was not as this deponent believes completely organized at that time. That the said Michael Tullis served out the year of his enlistment and at the expiration thereof received an Honorable discharge, That during the service aforesaid this deponent was with him the said Michael Tullis in the same Company, this deponent and said Michael went to Boston & from there to New York, and that the [they] were in the Battle of Staten Island [August 22, 1777], and that the said Michael Collis was 71 years of age in February last 1827 – and further saith not. Sworn and subscribed before me this second day of April A.D. 1827

S/ Cornelius Westfall, JP

S/ Aaron Tullis



[f p. 6: On April 2nd, 1827 in Miami County Ohio, Uriah Blue Senior gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Michael Tullis and lived a neighbor to him in Berkeley County State of

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S3838 transcribed and posted in this database 1/1/12

Virginia; that he was present and saw Michael Tullis marched from Shepherdstown in the County and state aforesaid in the company of Captain Hugh Stinson he thinks in 1775.]

[f p. 24: Application for a transfer of pension benefit from the Indiana agency to the Ohio agency filed by the veteran in May 1830 in which he states that he intends to remain in the Ohio in order to be among his children. This document was signed with his mark.]

[f p. 20: On August 17th, 1852 in Jay County Indiana Elizabeth Tullis aged about 80 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Michael Tullis, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that her husband died about 20 years ago she thinks in his 79th year of his age in Franklin County Indiana; that she married him in 1791; that they were married by John Robinson, JP, in Bath County Virginia. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 23: copy of the marriage bond dated June 24, 1791 issued in Bath County Virginia to Michael Tullis and Samuel Swearingen conditioned upon the marriage of Michael Tullis to Elizabeth Jones.]

[f p. 19: family record of the children of Michael and Elizabeth Tullis:

Moses Tullis born June 22, 1792

Thomas B. Tullis July 26 1794

Samuel Tullis March 20th 1796

Jonathan Thomas March 22 1798

David J Tullis February 9th 1800

Isaac Tullis April 15th 1802

Aaron Tullis October 11th 1804

Mary Tullis June 22 1807

The above record sworn to by Elizabeth Tullis on August 7, 1852 in Jay County Indiana]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 31, 1827, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for one-year.