

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Toombs W3476

Ann (or Nancy)

f69VA

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[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.]

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State of Virginia Hanover County, to wit:

On this 24th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Hanover aforesaid now sitting, George Toombs a resident of said County of Hanover, in the said state, 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 Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

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

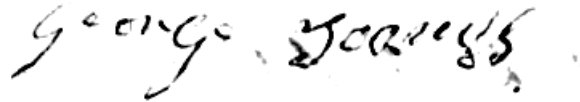
That he served as a private in the Militia during the revolutionary war, whenever the company of militia to which he belonged was called out which was frequently though the terms of service were generally short: the company belonged to the County of King William, where this applicant then lived: this applicant served altogether in the militia for 13 months & a few days: the first tour of duty in which the applicant served was in the early part of the revolution, when he remembers that the company to which he was attached was stationed first at Holt's Forge on the Chickahominy in New Kent County – then at Sandy Point on James River. Then at Williamsburg & at the halfway house, & near Hampton: that afterwards during the invasion of the State by Phillips [William Phillips] & Arnold [Benedict Arnold], and afterwards whilst Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton], & Lord Cornwallis were over running the country the said company was frequently called into service: and the applicant also served for a short time with the militia at the siege of York: the applicant thinks that he never served in any of these occasions more than two months, and a few days at any one time, though he is confident that the whole of his several terms amounted to more than 13 months: the last service in which the applicant was engaged was this, he was in of a small party of militia who were ordered to escort some British Prisoners after the siege of York from Hanover town to Fredericksburg, and they were delivered by the said party to General Weedon [George Weedon]. The applicant recollects the names of some of the captains under whom he served in the services; they were Captain Cowne [perhaps Robert Cowne], Captain Isaac Dabney, & Richard Dabney, Captain Isaac Quarles, Captain John Quarles, Captain Owen Gwathmey, Captain Nathaniel Fox, & Captain Giles Reins. The applicant remembers the names of Colonels Hickman (of the Militia) of Colonel Thomas Butler, of Colonel Charles Dabney, Colonel Innes, Colonel Mathews, & General Weedon, most of whom were regular officers, and some of whom he thinks he'll commands over the militia companies in which the applicant served. This applicant further says that he was born on the 15th of January 1755; that he resided in King William County during the whole time the aforesaid militia services were rendered, and since that period he has lived in King William, in Caroline & ever

since 1806 in Hanover County, where he now resides.

This applicant further says that he did not receive any written discharge, nor does he think that any of the companies did who were engaged in the service above mentioned. By the applicant can prove a part of his service by three living witnesses, and refer to the affidavits of Robert Smith, hereto annexed (marked A) and the affidavits of James Jones and James Whitlock hereto annexed (marked B) in support of his own statement. The affidavit referred to in the certificate of his neighbors hereto annexed (marked C) in support of his character for veracity. The said Applicant 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 the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Toombs



[Charles Talley, a Minister of the gospel, and Richardson T Haw gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The Affidavit of Robert Smith, in the 79th year of his age taken before the subscriber presiding Judge of the General court of Virginia at the house of William Smith in Hanover County on Monday the 20th day of August 1832 –

The Affiant being first sworn on the Evangelist declareth, & saith, that he is well acquainted with George Toombs, who is now an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed seventh of June 1832: that he was well acquainted with him during the Revolutionary war, and that the said George Toombs did serve as a Militia man during the Revolutionary war, and that on one occasion he served in the same company with the Affiant, and that he recollects that he saw him in the service at Williamsburg: but the affiant cannot say how long the said to have served. And further this affiant sayeth not
Sworn to before me on the day & at the place above mentioned.

S/ Wm Brockenbrough

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King William County to wit

Captain James Jones¹ of this County and made oath before me Philip Aylett a Justice of the Peace for the said County

That he is in the 84th year of his age since the first of July last – that he is well acquainted with George Toombs who he believes to be near 80 years old. That the said Toombs now lives in Hanover County, but they had lived in this County (King William) during the Revolutionary war. That he and Mr. Toombs went into service together, first to Holt's Forge in New Kent County on Chickahominy, from whence they marched to the Green Springs on the way to Williamsburg, thence to Williamsburg, thence to Sandy Point thence to Charles City County on James River, and thence back to Williamsburg making a tour of about six months. That they first marched under Captain Liston Temple who died in service, after which they were commanded by Captain Owen Gwathmey, and next by Captain Cowne.

And that subsequently, he saw Mr. Toombs in service under the command of Captain

¹ This MAY be the same man as [James Jones S5624](#)

Thomas Butler, but where they marched to or how long this service continued, the Affiant does not know. Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1832.

S/ P. Aylett, JP

King William County to wit

James Whitlock² of this County made oath before me Philip Aylett a Justice of the Peace for the said County

That he will be 67 years old on the 23rd day of March next (should they live so long) that he is well acquainted with George Toombs who he believes to be near eighty years old. That the said George times now lives in Hanover County but lived in this County (King William) during the revolutionary War. That he has deliberately examined the above affidavit given by Captain James Jones as to the service of Mr. Toombs under Captains Temple, Gwathmey, and Cowne, and knows it to be correctly stated, as he was with him & performed the same service – and that he also knows that Mr. Toombs was in service at the siege of York in 1781 when Cornwallis was taken and that the service at that time was about four months.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1832

S/ P. Aylett, JP

[f p. 49: On January 18, 1839 in King William County Virginia, Ann Toombs, 68, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Toombs a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died January 16, 1833; that she married him May 26, 1791 and that she submits her family register³ in support of her application.

² [James Whitlock S11742](#)

³ The 'family register' to which she refers comprise the first 31 pages of this file and are miscellaneous pages containing accounting and family data and entries all mixed together. Some of the entries are illegible. What 'family data' I could glean from it is as follows:

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1804 July the 27 George walden was born a sone of George Toombs

1807 the 16 June lucey Toombs was born a daughter of George Toombs

1808 July the 4 peter Toombs waldon [?] was born

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1793 december the 21 sister Betsey Tombs deceast 1795 november the 15 Sister Caty Toombs deceast this life

1799 august the 8 in the year of lord god may Toombs deiciest an departed this life

1800 august the 14 Saley Edwards departed this life in the year of our lourd god

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1802 april the 9 John Toombs was born'd a sone of George Toombs

1802 march the 2? robin was born

1804 february the 14 Careline was born

march 1806 Gim was born

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George Toombs [illegible] Toombs was married December 26 178?

pitesy [?] Tombs was born on September 9 of the year of our lord God 1783

Faney Toombs born in June 17 1785

poley Toombs was born in September 15 176

nanely Toombs was born in October the 12 1788

Jeney Toombs the wife of George Toombs deceast in the year of our lord God May [?] the 9 1790

May the 16 1791 Geo Toombs an Naacey Edwards [?] was marid in the year of our lord god

Jeney Toombs was born February 22, 1793

April the 17 1797 [remaining entries are too faint to discern except "1799 in the year of our lord god September the 25th Thomas Tombs was born the son of George...".]

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[The veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]