

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tilly (Tilly) W4832

Sally Tilly

f32NC

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes } SS

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1840 personally appeared before me Charles Banner one of the Acting Magistrates in and for the County Court of Stokes aforesaid Sally Tilly a resident of Sorra Town [sic, Sauratown township] district in the County aforesaid aged Seventy-Nine years who being first duly sworn as the law directs doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows" That she is the widow of John Tilly who was a private Militia soldier in the war of the revolution and Served as she has just reason to believe from his Statements to her several Tours of service in the defense of the United States, the first a Tour of three months under a Captain Richard Goode of the then Surry County which Captain she knew very well and marched to Fayetteville North Carolina against Scotch Tories, the date<sup>1</sup> she cannot tell and in the same year he said he went a Tour of four months under the same Captain Goode against the Indians,<sup>2</sup> the next he went to South Carolina his Captain's name she cannot recollect but his General's name was Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] she believes, and was at Briar Creek<sup>3</sup> in a battle in which he was gone six months he said and the next was at another Battle called King's Hill or Mountain<sup>4</sup> three months in a horse company when he said he lost his horse in the Battle; the dates she does not know, the whole of which Services she expects to prove by good witnesses for which she claims a pension. She further declares that she was married to the said John Tilly in the month of May 1786 in the then Surry County North Carolina by William Meredith a Justice of the peace, But the Banns of their marriage was previously published by a preacher named Stephens, she believes that she can prove her marriage by old Mr. John Mabe<sup>5</sup> & Joel Tilly of Stokes County and Esq. James Davis<sup>6</sup> – that her husband the aforesaid John Tilly died 14 years last past September in the Court week of Stokes County that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated, that she had Ten children born of her body whilst she and her husband the said John Tilly lived together as man & wife, but has nor never had any record of their births, but from memory recollects that her eldest son was fifty-

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1 Probably 1776 based on the events she describes. Perhaps,

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

2 [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

3 Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

4 If this is a reference to the Battle of King's Mountain, if occurred on October 7, 1780.

[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

5 [John Maabe \(Maib, Mabe, Maibe\) W4726](#)

6 This may be the [James Davis S2498](#) from Stokes County, NC.

eight years old last month; and the others in succession about eighteen months and two years between their births, next was Elizabeth, then Martin, John, Charles, Aron, Betsy, Sally, Bennett and Polly, that she from old age and bodily infirmity is unable to travel (having no horse) to Court a distance of 16 miles to make this her petition, therefore have sent to the Subscriber one of the Court to make & write this application at her place of residence in said County of Stokes. The truth of which statements I am fully satisfied – Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Sally Tilly, X her mark

[p 9: John Mabe, a relative of Sally Tilly [but exact relationship is not stated] made oath that he was an attendant at the marriage of Sally Sisk to John Tilly by William Meredith a justice of the peace some time after the closing of the Revolutionary War and that he knew that John & laid lived together as husband and wife and had 10 children. Mabe signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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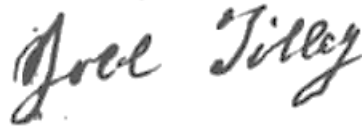
State of North Carolina, County of Stokes } SS

Be it known that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Joel Tilly aged Seventy-Five years last January, he being a person of good Character of Veracity & truth in the County of Stokes aforesaid & neighborhood where he resides, and he being duly sworn according to law declares on his oath that he well remembers of his uncle John Tilly having Started & entered the Service of the United States as a private Militia Soldier in the following Services (to wit) the first under Captain Richard Goode of Surry County North Carolina in the Winter or Spring of the year 1776 and went to Fayetteville North Carolina against these Scotch Tories as they were called & was gone three months at the least, the next in the fall of the year 1776 he volunteered under the same Captain Goode & was gone four months at the least to the Cherokee Nation of Indians & returned with the Company to Surry aforesaid. The next he went as a volunteer and this deponent and his father Lazarus Telly carried him said John Kelley to old Richmond then Surry Courthouse he thinks in the fall of the year 1778 for a five months Tour & marched to South Carolina he thinks under Captain Js Philips [Joseph Phillips] & said he was under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] at the time of a Battle at Briar Creek in the South & he was gone until the next Spring in planting corn time and the last Tour he volunteered as a horseman under Captain Jo. Cloud [Joseph Cloud] & was in the Battle of Kings Mountain and was discharged at the old Moravian Town in then Surry County and returned home sick with a fever which was a three months Tour the date he believes was in 1780 – all of which Services this Deponent has just reason to believe his said uncle John Tilly did perform and some four or five years after the close of the Revolutionary War he was married by William Meredith a Justice of the peace in Surry County North Carolina to Sally Sisk, the banns of the marriage being first published by the Reverend William Stephens a Baptist minister, he says that he was present & saw them married at the house of said Meredith in Surry County and he believes it was in the May 1785 or 86 he cannot recollect the day the said John Telly & his said wife Sally lived together as man and wife until his death which happened about 13 years ago they had 10 children and he believes the first was named Edmund who says he is 57 years old the next was Martin, then Elizabeth, John, Charles, Aaron, Betsy, Sally, Bennett and Polly and the said Sally his widow is about the age of this deponent and has remained unmarried ever since the death of her husband John Tilley aforesaid.

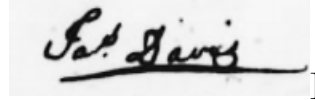
Sworn to and subscribed the day above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Joel Tilley



[p 13: On August 27, 1840 in Stokes County North Carolina James Davis also gave a supporting affidavit in which he states: "...that Captain Richard Goode when he met with said John Tilley talked of the expedition to the Cherokee Nation & Fayetteville in 1776 that they went together, and seemed to think well of said Tilley as a good soldier...."



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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes } SS

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840 before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County of aforesaid personally appeared Thomas Shipp<sup>7</sup> a pensioner of the United States and of reputable character for probity & truth, he being duly sworn according to law, declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with John Tilley who married Sally Sisk, that said John Served a Tour of duty in the Service of the United States of three months under the command of Captain Jo. Cloud [Joseph Cloud], Major Jo. Winston [Joseph Winston] & Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] immediately before, at, and after the Battle of Kings Mountain as horseman, and that said Tilley lost his horse in time of the Battle, but was furnished with another & returned to old Moravian Town with the prisoners & was discharged for a three month Tour this deponent further states that he always understood that said John Tilley had served a Tour in the expeditions against the Scotch Tories to playable & the Cherokee Indians, also a Tour to South Carolina at the Battle of Briar Creek which information he received from such sources, that he has just reason to believe it was a fact.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Thos. Shipp



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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

Be it known that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Lewis Wolff<sup>8</sup> a Pensioner of the United States a person of good reputation for probity & truth, who being duly sworn according to law declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with John Tilley formerly of Surry County North Carolina and served a Tour of three months in Col. Joseph Williams Regiment & Joseph Winston was Major with said Tilley but not under the same Captain he said Tilley being in Captain Goode's company all from the same County of Surry in the winter & spring of the year

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<sup>7</sup> [Thomas Shipp S7487](#)

<sup>8</sup> [Lewis Wolf \(Wolff\)\[a/k/a Johann Ludwig Wolff\] W4403](#)

1776 and marched to Fayetteville in said war against the Scotch Tories, but that they were defeated before our Army reached Fayetteville where we were stationed some time & then marched home & Discharged for the Tour of three months – the next service he saw said John Tilley serving as a private soldier under the same Captain Goode in the fall of the year 1776 and marched to the Mulberry fields in Wilkes County & back to old Richmond in Surry County N. C. & there rendezvous & from thence took up the line of March for the Cherokee Nation said Tilley went on with the Army in Williams' Regiment & returned back about Christmas following being gone from the first start four months though I did not go with them only to the Mulberry fields & back. The next Service I saw said Tilley was when we went to the Battle of Kings Mountain in the fall 1780 he was not under the same Captain as I was, but, he was in the battle & returned with our troops bringing the prisoners to the old Town in Surry & then we got discharges for three months Tour. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first above mentioned before me.  
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Lewis Wolff, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes }

Be it known that on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840 at Lewis Wolff's personally appeared before me the Subscribing Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Jacob Halsepeck [sic, Jacob Hilsabeck]<sup>9</sup> a pensioner of the United States and he being duly Sworn according to law declares on his oath that he Served a Tour of duty in the militia of the United States in the same brigade under General Rutherford although we went from the same County of Surry we were under different Captains, Tilley was under Captain Philips & myself under Captain Smith joined Headquarters at Salisbury in the fall & manner of 1778 and marched to South Carolina through various parts & Savannah River & in March 1779 we were this side of the River with the Main Army when a detachment of our Army was defeated at Briar Creek, shortly after which Battle our time of five months for which we were enlisted expired but we were detained until new recruits came on, we served at least six months I never saw any more of said Tilley until some time after I returned home, but I am satisfied he served the whole Tour of five say six months.

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

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Jacob Helsepeck, X his mark

[p 4: On April 14, 1852 in Stokes County North Carolina John Talley one of the children and legal representatives of John Talley a revolutionary Soldier and his wife Sally Talley executed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to prosecute the claim of a pension based on the services of his father. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum based on her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 15 months.]

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9 [Jacob Hilsabeck S7013](#)