

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Toney (Tyre) W4835 ¹ Elizabeth Toney f87NC
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State of North Carolina, Caswell County: to wit

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions the same being a Court of record now sitting in and for the County aforesaid Arthur Toney – aged about Sixty Seven 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary war as he thinks in the Spring of 1779 -- & that he enlisted in the State of South Carolina at Bacon's Bridge near Charleston under Captain William Litle [William Lytle] a Regular officer of the United States Army and that he was attached to Colonel Henry Dixon's Command in the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina Commanded by General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] and that he marched from Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina to Hillsboro in North Carolina and from there he was marched to Halifax in North Carolina & then to Edenton from there to Camden in South Carolina -- & from there to Bacon's Bridge & there we Remained until the end of the war -- & the declarant States that he was in no battles in Consequence of his being Kept with the baggage Wagons – generally – this declarant is well acquainted with Captain James Burton and Captain Benj. C. West [Benjamin C West] – of Caswell County aforesaid. He hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State, that he was born as he was told in the County of Dinwiddie Virginia & lived there until 10 years of age and moved from there to Halifax County in North Carolina and that this declarant Substituted in his Brother's Stead in Warren County – in the State aforesaid – and marched to Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina where he entered under Captain William Litle as aforesaid -- & that he now lives in the County of Caswell aforesaid – where he has resided about fifty years.

Sworn and Subscribed to in open Court this day and year aforesaid.

Test: Paul A. Haralson, Clk

S/ Arthur Toney, X his mark

We James Burton & Benjamin C. West residing in the County of Caswell North Carolina do hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Arthur Toney – who has Subscribed and Sworn to the above declaration – That we Believe him to be about the age of from 65 to 70 years of age & that we confide in his veracity but we know nothing of his Revolutionary Services.

Sworn & subscribed to in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clk

S/ Jas Burton

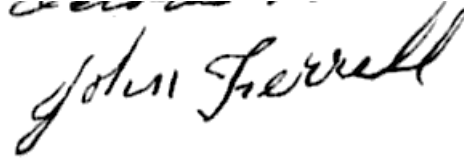
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S/ Benj. C. West

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I John Ferrell² living in the County of Caswell aforesaid Certify – that I saw Arthur Toney in the revolutionary Service at Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina but that I know nothing of his enlistment or of the length of time he was in Service. This 9th October 1832.

S/ John Ferrell



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State of North Carolina, Caswell County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court now sitting (being a court of Record) on this the seventh day of October 1833 Arthur Toney the applicant in the foregoing declaration for a pension under the act of Congress of June 1832 and as Supplementary to the said declaration, being duly sworn according to law – saith that from recollection he cannot state with precision the exact term which he served in the Army of the revolution – but is certain it was not less than two years – he further states that in the service he was more frequently called Tyre than Toney.

Subscribed and sworn to in open court.

S/ Arthur Toney, X his mark

S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clk

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Presley Smith maketh oath that about the close of the revolutionary War the said Arthur Toney or Tyre came to the neighborhood in the County of Caswell where this affiant then resided and has ever since resided until it few years since. He is now, this affiant is now in the County of Caswell aforesaid on a visit from the State of Kentucky where he at present lives – when the said Tyre or Toney came into the County of Caswell it was said that he had returned from the service and it has been generally so reputed and believed ever since – And this affiant further states that the said Toney (as he is called in his declaration) was when he first became acquainted with him called Tyre and that he thinks he has ever since been most generally so-called.

Sworn to in open court.

S/ Presley Smith

Tes: S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clk

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State of North Carolina, Caswell County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions April Term 1847

On this 1st day of April 1847 personally appeared in open Court, before the court of pleas and quarter Sessions of said County, being a court of record, Arthur Tony, a resident of said County, aged about Eighty Three or four years who being first Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June the 7th 1832, that he lived in Halifax County North Carolina, in time of the revolutionary war, and had a Brother whose name was John Tony, who went as a Twelve months Soldier in said war of the revolution and after having Served about nine months of said Tower [sic, Tour], being a man of a family prevailed with this deponent to Serve the other three months of said Tour, that he marched from said County of Halifax under the command of Lieutenant Richard Marshall to Bacon's Bridge in South

² [John Ferrell S6836](#) In his pension application, Ferrell refers to Arthur Toney as being a witness to his (Ferrell's) service. Ferrell states that Toney is a “man of colour.”

Carolina, near Charleston, where the Regular Army commanded by General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] was stationed, and there remained until the Spring of the year he thinks 1779, when the time for which he Took his Brother's place as aforesaid Expired and a few days after, he Enlisted as a private under Captain William Litle [William Lytle] and Major Tilman Dixon [Tilghman Dixon], for the war, and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Dixon, which he thinks was the Third Regiment of North Carolina, belonging to General Sumner's Brigade, and marched as follows, from Bacon's Bridge the place of Enlistment, to Hillsborough in North Carolina from thence to Halifax N. C. -- then to Edenton N. C., -- then to Camden South Carolina, and from there to Bacon's Bridge where he remained until the close of the Revolutionary War and he was mostly kept with the Baggage Wagon & consequently was in no Battles, that he does not Recollect of Ever Receiving a discharge, that he cannot tell the Exact length of Time he Served in said War of the Revolution But thinks it could not have been less than Two years.

He hereby Relinquishes Every Claim to a pension what Ever, or annuity, Except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State, --

In conclusion he refers the department to a Declaration which he made in the year of 1832, or '33, and Evidence connected therewith.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first above written, in open court.

S/ A. Slade, Clk

S/ Arthur Toney, X his mark

and the Said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant Arthur Toney was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he States.

S/ Geo. Williamson, P. M.

S/ Jas McMullen, J. P.

S/ Thos. W. Graves, J.P.

We the undersigned a Citizens of Caswell County certify on oath that we have for many years been Acquainted with Arthur Toney the foregoing applicant for a pension and that we have frequently understood that he was a Regular Soldier in the Revolutionary War and we concur in the opinion that he is a man of Truth and Respectability.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open court.

Witness

S/ A. Slade, Clk

S/ Henry Badgett

S/ Christian Strader

State of North Carolina, Caswell County

On this the 22nd day of September 1847 personally appeared before me Benjamin C. West one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Toney and made oath that she is the widow of the late Arthur Toney Deceased – who made a Declaration at March Term of Caswell County Court 1847 in application for a pension for his Services in the Revolutionary War that her Husband said Arthur Toney died on the 19th day of July 1847 that she has not married but still Remains his widow and makes this affidavit for the purpose of drawing the Arrearage of pension due her Husband the said Arthur Toney That she cannot give any Explanation as to the period or date that her Husband said Arthur Toney Enlisted in the War of the Revolution and most Submit to Such Evidence as can be made.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above Written before

S/ B. C. West, JP

S/ Elizabeth Toney, X her mark

I Benjamin C. West certify that Elizabeth Toney the Declarant who has subscribed to the above declaration is the Identical widow of Arthur Toney Dec'd as stated by her in said declaration. That she is a woman of truth and Respectability. I further certify that I heard Henry Dixon Jr. Say that said

Arthur Toney served under his father viz. Henry Dixon Senior in the Revolutionary War and that his father said Henry Dixon, Senior was a Colonel in [the] War of the Revolution in the Regular Army that I was personally acquainted with Arthur Toney for upwards of 40 years before his death and I believe his claim to a pension to be as Just as any claim Ever presented to the Department. Given under my hand this 22nd day of September 1847.

S/ B. C. West

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from an abstract of the settlement of Army accounts in Hillsboro in 1792, that John Toney was allowed the sum of twenty six pounds four shillings and eight pence for his services as a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution, it also appears from a settlement of the Army accounts, that Arthur Toney was allowed by a Board of Commissioners which sat at Halifax in 1784 & 5, for his services in the Revolutionary War as a private Soldier, the sum of twenty three pounds seven shillings and eleven pence.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1847

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

State of North Carolina, Caswell County

I David Walker of the County in State aforesaid certify that Arthur Toney died on the 19th day of July 1847 I was there when he died I made his coffin and helped to Bury him said Arthur Toney and he left Elizabeth Toney his widow him still surviving I further state that I have known Arthur & Elizabeth Toney for some 45 or 50 years and I always understood that Arthur Toney was entitled to a pension.

Test: S/ Josiah Blair, JP

S/ David Walker, X his mark

[Christopher Dameron gives a similar affidavit saying he was present when Arthur Toney died; and helped to bury him; and that he always understood Arthur and Elizabeth to be man and wife.]

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State of North Carolina, County of Caswell

On this 6th day of June A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me William W. Prince Justice of the Peace within & for the County aforesaid, legally authorized to administer oaths, Levicy Walker, Christian Strader, Joseph Swann, Thomas D. Harrison & Daniel W. Swann all of them residents of the County of Caswell, in the State of North Carolina, who being duly sworn according to law, declare that they have lived many years, and some of them from their birth, in the immediate neighborhood of Arthur Toney deceased in his lifetime, and of Elizabeth, is his widow, since his death, that they believe it was the universal belief of the community in which they live, that Arthur Toney had been a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and served during the whole war: they have often heard and now believe, from what they have heard old people say some of whom were present, when they were married many years ago, by a Magistrate named Moss, at his own house, in the County of Caswell, some of whom are now dead – that they were lawfully married; that they lived together as man and wife, and raised a family, and were universally regarded as such, and were respected as honest, correct people: that they so continued to live together, from the time when they were then married, to the period of Arthur Toney's death: That Arthur Toney had applied for a Pension, before his death, but did not live to receive it: That Elizabeth Toney after her husband's death, made a Declaration for Pension and having obtained the necessary proof of her husband's military services; of their legal marriage; of the date of his death; and that she was still his widow, not having intermarried after her husband's death; succeeded in drawing the arrears of Pension due, and unpaid, at the period of his death, which took place in his own house, in

the County of Caswell, in North Carolina on the 19th day of July 1847. They further declare that Elizabeth Tony, Arthur Toney's widow, has continued from the date of his death, to reside at the same place, and in the same house her husband died at, and that she has not intermarried since his death, but has remained, and still is a widow. They further declare that they have heard the Declaration of Elizabeth Tony made on oath for a Pension, read, and from all that they have ever heard said by the people in the neighborhood, especially by the eldest of them, many of whom are now dead, they believe the statements she has made are true, & are entitled to full faith and credit; and they believe, that from her advanced age, and infirm condition, and from the want of a suitable vehicle to convey her in, it would be very inconvenient, and difficult, and might probably be very painful to her to travel to Caswell Court House, the purpose of making her Declaration in presence of the said Court; and for the same reason they declare their belief that it would be very difficult, if not impossible or hard to go about it signed the witnesses and to obtain the attendance of those upon whom she must rely to establish the facts set forth in her Declaration.

And they be where they are disinterested.

S/ Livecy Walker, X her mark

S/ Christian Strader

S/ Thomas D. Harrison

S/ Joseph Swann, X his mark

S/ Daniel W. Swann, X his mark

State of Virginia – Corporation of Danville

Be it known, that before me T. H. C. Grasty – a magistrate within and for the Corporation and state aforesaid, personally appeared Elizabeth Tony and made oath in due form of law in open court, now sitting, that she is the widow of Arthur Tony, the identical person who was a Pensioner, and is now dead and to whom a Certificate of Pension was issued, (but did not come to hand till after his death) which Certificate, she believes was surrendered to the Agent for paying pensions at the Agency for North Carolina at Fayetteville, and if not, she does not know how it was disposed of, or what has become of it: That the deceased pensioner resided in the County of Caswell for the space of about 55 years before his death and that previous thereto he resided in the County of Chesterfield near Petersburg and State of Virginia: and that she makes this oath of Identity to obtain whatever arrears of Pension may have become due her, as the surviving widow, of the Revolutionary Soldier & pensioner Arthur Toney deceased since his death.

Sworn to and subscribed this 10th day of November 1854 before me, Chairman of the Hastings Court of Danville, now sitting.

S/ Elizabeth Toney, X her mark

S/ T. H. C. Grasty

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State of Virginia – Corporation of Danville

On this 16th day of November A.D. 1854 personally appeared before the Corporation war Hastings Court of the Corporation aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, now sitting – Elizabeth Toney, a resident of the adjoining County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina, aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832, Act 29th of July 1848 and the several subsequent Acts of Congress granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war:

That she is the widow of Arthur Tony deceased, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary Army, (it is believed in the North Carolina Continental line) and who for his services, was pensioned by the United States at the rate of ___ dollars per annum, until the period of his death. In proof of which she

refers to the papers of application for Pension filed by her said husband in his lifetime which she believes was about from 1840 to 1846 and that she has no other proof than that therein contained, of his revolutionary services.

She further declares that the Pension, granted to her deceased husband Arthur Toney did not reach his hands, before his death she supposes that it was granted under the Act of 7th June 1832. After his death, she was advised to make a Declaration, as his widow, for the "arrears of pension" due to her Deceased husband, previous to his death (which occurred at his own house in Caswell County North Carolina on the 19th day of July 1847) and she did so, and the said arrears due him amounting to a sum she does not now recollect, was paid at the Agency for paying pensions, in Fayetteville North Carolina and she now refers to the papers filed with her said application, for the proof (then deemed satisfactory) of her identity, her marriage with him and her widowhood.

She further declares that she was married to the said Arthur Toney on the ___ day of December in the year 1799 in the County of Caswell, in the State of North Carolina, by one William Moss, who was a Justice of the Peace (to whose house her deceased husband and herself went for the purpose) who was duly authorized by law to administer the rites of matrimony and that her name previous to her marriage was Elizabeth Edwell: that application has been made to the Clerk of the County Court of Caswell, for the record of the marriage but he could find none, and that she has no other proof of said marriage than this herewith presented or the testimony of some of her acquaintances in Caswell, which she hopes to procure in time to establish the fact: that her said husband died at his own house, worn out with old age and natural decay of his constitution, on the 19th day of July 1847: That she was not married to him previous to the year 1799 but at the time above stated. She further declares that she is still a widow.

She request that she may be paid at the Richmond Agency as more convenient to her.

Attest: S/ Geo C. Cabell

Attest: S/ Joseph R. Cabell

S/ Eliza Toney, X her mark

[supporting affidavit given by her neighbors, Christian Strader (age not stated), Joseph Swann (74 years old), Thomas Swann (76 years old), and Winifred Edwell (72 years old)]

[p 66: On November 25, 1854 in Caswell County North Carolina, Sarah Burton, 72, gave testimony that she lived in the neighborhood of Arthur Toney and his wife Elizabeth for many years; that Toney was a revolutionary war soldier who died in his own house on July 19, 1847; that Arthur and Elizabeth Edwell were married by William Moss Esq. a justice of the peace on December 26, 1799 which she well remembers because it took place during the Christmas holidays shortly before her own wedding on January 24, 1800 and because the affiant's 1st child and Elizabeth's 1st child were born on the same day.]

[p 24: On July 5, 1855 in Caswell County North Carolina, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; in this document she re-states that she married her husband in Caswell County North Carolina; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Edwell and that her husband died at his own house in Caswell County North Carolina. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.19 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for his service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line for 8 months and 23 days. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]