

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lazarus Tilley (Tilly) ¹ W6290 Elizabeth Tilley f48NC
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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this 31st day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid now sitting, Lazarus Tilley, of the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy-two or three years, as he supposes, 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 7th 1832. --

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

He was drafted for three months in the militia of North Carolina, in Orange County, in the winter of 1780 – 81: and was attached to the company commanded by Captain William Ray, which was organized in Eastern part of Orange County, & marched to the southern part of said County & to bordering Counties, in pursuit of the Tories. He served out his term for which he was drafted & was discharged. Field officers were Colonel Thomas Farmer -- & Major Murphy, Captain Ray did not command his company the whole of this Tour, but was succeeded by Captain Elliot [John Elliott].

A few months after the expiration of his first tour of service; the declarant was again drafted in Orange County, for another three months tour, and was attached to a company of militia commanded by Captain Haven [James Haven] – William Horton was Lieutenant. This Company was organized in the Eastern part of Orange County, & was marched through the Counties of Wake & Cumberland in North Carolina in pursuit of the Tories, & was engaged during the said three months in ranging the Country where danger was apprehended from the Tories. He was in no battle.

He was drafted for three months in the latter end of the year 1780 in the County of Orange – his company was organized and the Town of Hillsboro; commanded by Captain Elliot – Thomas Farmer, Colonel – he was marched to Salisbury, thence to the Island Ford on the Catawba: he remained but a few days, before the British forces, under Cornwallis, crossed the Catawba, below the Americans, when his company commenced a retreat by way of Salisbury on to North Hycy [River], near the Virginia line, when he reached North Hycy, his term of service of three months expired, and he was discharged. This was the first service, in point of time, that the declarant performed in the revolutionary war. When declarant's company was marched to the Catawba – he was placed under General Davidson's [William Lee Davidson's] command, which was late few days before General Davidson² was killed. -- he hath no discharges. He hath no

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² William Lee Davidson was killed at the Battle of Cowan's Ford on February 1, 1781.

documentary evidence of his service – nor does he know any person or persons, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except Captain William Ray,³ of Orange County, whose affidavit accompanies this declaration. He was born, as he thinks he has understood, in King William County, in the State of Virginia – and was removed to Orange County, in North Carolina, when a small boy – where he hath resided ever since. He does not know when he was born – nor has he any record of his age. He is known to Major John Taylor & Thomas Horner in his County & neighborhood.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & doth not know that his name is on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to the 31st of August 1832

S/ Lazarus Tilly, X his mark

S/ J. Taylor, CC

[Williams Harris, a clergyman, and John Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

This day came William Ray Senior before me William H. Hall one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County & Maketh Oath that in the year 1781 he was Captain of a company in which he drafted William Hopkins Sr.⁴ & Lazarus Tilly in the Revolutionary war. Sworn & subscribed to before me this 31st August 1832.

S/ William Ray, Senr., X his mark

Test: S/ Wm H. Hall, JP

North Carolina, Orange County

I William H. Hall, one of the Justices of the peace for Orange aforesaid hereby certify, that William Ray Sr. who subscribed & sworn to the written affidavit before me, as will appear by reference thereto, is a credible person & that his statement is entitled to credit. Witness my hand this the 28th day of May 1833

S/ Wm H. Hall

[p 11: On August 29, 1854, Elizabeth Tilly, 54, of Orange County, NC filed a claim under the act of February 3, 1854 stating that she is the widow of Lazarus Tilly; that they were married on April 18, 1830 [later document dates their marriage on April 18, 1829]; her husband died January 3 1841 in Orange County North Carolina; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[facts in file: Elizabeth's name before she married Lazarus was Elizabeth Edwards; Lazarus had at least two sons, John and Thomas, referred to in his will dated March 29, 1826—refers to his 'beloved wife, Elizabeth' and names her his executrix.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

³ [William Ray S7347](#)

⁴ [William Hopkins](#)