

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Tomkies W6304 Anne

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County of Gloucester State of Virginia: SS: On this eighth day of September 1838 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Anne Tomkies, a resident of the County of Gloucester & State of Virginia, aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law 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 5th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows" That she is the widow of Charles Tomkies, deceased who was a Captain of the Revolutionary War and Commanded a Company belonging to this County that she does not know the precise time of his entering the service; She knows he was a Captain and performed his duties as such in the commencement of the Revolution, that during the war when the arrival of Count d'Estaing's fleet was expected he with Captain William Buckner from the town of York in this State, went down York River in a pilot boat commanded by Captain Middleton, for the purpose of meeting with the French fleet which was then supposed to be lying in the mouth of York River, and when they arrived sufficiently near the supposed fleet and too near for them to escape, they discovered they were approaching a British fleet; who took them prisoners to England, where they were detained until the end of the war. She believes he was in some engagements before his capture. The facts in relation to the service of Captain Tomkies have been established for a period of several years & a land warrant & script has issued to his heirs, for his services in the revolutionary War; She further declares that she was married to the said Captain Charles Tomkies on the 17th day of November 1784; that her husband the aforesaid Captain Charles Tomkies died on the 12th day of December 1801. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz., as above stated.

S/ Anne Tomkies



Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first written, before
S/ Mat. W. Kemp, JP

Virginia Gloucester County to wit

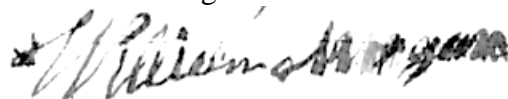
This day the above named Anne Tomkies who from bodily infirmity is unable to attend the Court of our said County, personally appeared before me Mat. W. Kemp one of the Commonwealth's justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, at her house (Treepost) and

made oath that the above declaration contains the truth. Given under my hand and seal this eighth day of September 1838
S/ Mat. W. Kemp, JP

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The Affidavit of William Morgan¹ of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia taken before William M Brownly a Justice of the Peace in and for said County this 22nd day of September 1838: Witnesseth that the Affiant saith upon oath that he was personally acquainted with Captain Charles Tomkies: that he was a Captain of a company under Colonel ___ in the early part of the revolutionary War, that he was the first who raise a regular company in Gloucester County and was attached to the 7th Virginia Regiment, that he was stationed first at Gloucester Court House then at Williamsburg at which place he continued until Lord Dunmore came to Gwynns Island [Gwynn Island] then he marched to this County (Mathews) and was there I think under command of Colonel Dangerfield – then he marched to York there he remained until he marched to the North. I do not know how long he continued there. Always understood and believed that he was in time of the War taken by the British and carried to England where he remained during the remainder of the War – that afterwards he returned to Gloucester County and married Anne Dixon in or about the year 1784 as I always understood and verily believe. With regard to the particular day and date of his marriage this affiant cannot speak definitely because not having been at his marriage and they being some 15 miles apart – that he believes the said Charles Tomkies died in the County of Gloucester in the year 1801 leaving said Anne his widow: that she now resides in Gloucester County or least did when he last heard from her which was some time during the present year; that she is the lawful widow of said Tomkies and further this Affiant sayeth not.

S/ William Morgan



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Executive Department March 14th 1834

The Heirs of Charles Tomkies are allowed Land bounty for his services as a Captain in the Continental Line from the 25th of March 1778 [last digit very unclear] until the Siege of York in 1781, the Register will issue a warrant according if not already drawn.

S/ John Floyd

On the fifth day of May 1834 a warrant No. 7749 for 1166 2/3 acres issued to Mary D Jones and on the same day a warrant No. 7750 for 583 1/3 acres issued to Charles R Gwynn, two of the Heirs of Charles Tomkies (Book 3, Page 341)

On the 23rd day of July 1834 a warrant No. 8001 for 1166 2/3 acres issued to Fanny Overton one of the Heirs of Charles Tomkies deceased (see Nos 7749 & 7750 ante Page 341)

On the 18th day of August 1834, a warrant No. 8012 for 583 1/3 acres issued to Moore A. G. Fautleroy one of the Heirs of Captain Charles Tomkies deceased.

¹ FPA S7246

[f p 7: On September 8th, 1838, in Gloucester County Virginia, Mary D Jones gave oath that from the family record in the possession of her mother Mrs. Anne Tomkies, she believes and has always believed to be the true record of the marriage of her parents Captain Charles Tomkies and her mother Anne Dixon being married in Mathews County Virginia in the year 1784 on the 17th day of October and that she married Daniel Tomkies now Mary D Jones their oldest child was born February 13, 1786 and that her father died December 12, 1801.

Mary D. Jones

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[Veteran's widow was granted a pension of \$194 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband's service as a Captain for nine months and 21 days in the Virginia line.]

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Addendum to Charles Tomkies W6304

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 5 April 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Tompkies, Charles.]

Friday 16 February 1776.

Order for 50 Guns and 25 lbs powder, to be delivered out of the publick Magazine to Capt Charles Tomkies pr use Gloucester Regulars. The Company to rendezvous at Burton's Point.

Order a Warrant to Capt Charles Tomkies pr £50. upon account to furnish provisions for his Company. Extracts from the Minutes of the Committee of Safety page 14.

Jas E. Heath aud/ Aud Off 4 Mar 1834

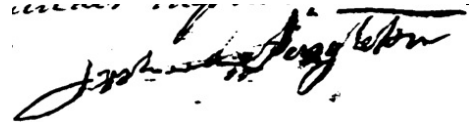
Monday 25th March 1776

Mordecai Buckner esquire Colo. of the 6th Battalion & William Daingerfield esquire Colonel of the 7th Battalion appeared in Comm[itt]ee. Subscribed the Articles of War – were sworn & Colo. Buckner's Com'd. was deli'd him.

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Safety page 64.

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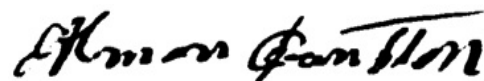
I Joshua Singleton [S7510] of the County of Gloucester and state of Virginia and formerly a Lieutenant in the navy of the said state during the revolutionary war do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Captain Charles Tomkies of the County of Gloucester, that I knew him to be a Captain in the state service during the early part of the revolutionary war I do further certify that during the early part of the said war Captain Charles Tomkies and his company were stationed at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Va where I frequently saw him and the company under his command, and moreover recruited several men out of his company into the service of the navy. Given under my hand this 16th day of November 1830



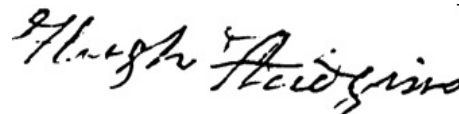
Virginia Gloucester County

The affidavit of Almon Dunston [W731] a Soldier in the revolutionary war, taken before Peter W. Billups and Robert C. Curtis two of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace for the County of Gloucester. This affiant saith upon oath that he was well acquainted with Captain Charles Tomkies an officer in the revolutionary war in the Continental Service of the United States; that he (the said Capt Tomkies) Commanded a Company as Captain in the said service; that he went to the north, with his regiment; was at the battle of Monmouth Court House [28 Jun 1778] and Stony point [16 Jul 1779], and at each of these battles Captain Tomkies Commanded his Company and acquitted himself with honour & Bravery. This affiant farther saith, that the said Captain Chas. Tomkies lived many years after the war ended – that he has since died, leaving (at his death) the following children, viz: Fanny, who intermarried with James Overton, of Kentucky; Mary D, who intermarried with Rich'd C. Jones; Caroline, who intermarried with Hugh B. Gwyn; Charles; William; and John C. Tomkies: Caroline has since died, leaving three children, viz: Lucy Ann; Chas. R; and Caroline Frances Gwyn. Lucy Ann Gwyn, who intermarried with Wm. T. Fauntleroy has since died, leaving one Child, Moore G. Fauntleroy – Caroline F. Gwyn, William & Chas. and John C. Tomkies, are now dead, leaving no children. So that Fanny

Overton; Mary D. Jones; Chas. R. Gwyn; and Moore G. Fauntleroy, are the only descendants and heirs at law of the said Captain Chas. Tomkies: and farther this deponant saith not.
[22 May 1832]



I certify that I was well acquainted with Charles Tomkies in the Revolutionary War and for many years before it. That he entered the Continental Service as Captain about the commencement of the War, and served a greater portion of the war as such and I have reason to believe that he was a faithfull & brave officer.
Hugh Hudgins [S10884]
[3 Jan 1833]



I was well acquainted with captain Charles Tomkies in the war of the revolution, being born and raised in the same neighborhood with him, in Gloucester County. The said Tomkies entered the service as a captain in the state line at the commencement of the war, and after remaining sometime at Williamsburg and York town with the troops, he was transfered to the continental line and was attached to the 7th va regiment and went with the army to the north. He was in active service at least five years, and was a meritorous officer.
[13 March 1833] Richard White [S6384]



In addition to what is contained in a former certificate given by me of the Services of Capt Charles Tomkies in the revolutionary war, I now state a fact well known to me which was omitted in said Certificate, viz: that Capt. Chas. Tomkies in the latter part of said war, was taken prisoner by the Enemy and carried to England (as was reported & believed) and was detained as such for about two years or about the End of the War. Given under my hand & seal this 3rd day of June 1833.
Almon Dunston



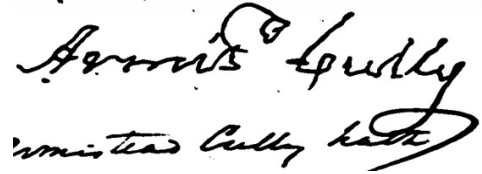
The Affidavit of Armistead Cully [Armistead Culley S8270] now a resident of the City of Baltimore taken before me Tazwell Tyler a Notary publick of the Borough of Norfolk duly commissioned and qualified.

The said Affiant being first duly sworn deposeth that he is now in the seventy sixth year of his age and served during the Revolutionary War first in a Minute Company commanded by William [illegible] That he afterwards enlisted in a Company commanded by Captain Charles Tompkies on Continental establishment in the Second Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Dangerfield. That he continued in the army under the command of Captain Tompkies from the month of August 1777 until after the surrender of Cornwallis at York in 1781 [19 Oct 1781] when the war being considered as at an end the greater part of the American Troops were shortly thereafter discharged and amongst others Captain Tompkies and his Company. This affiant fought with the Virginia Troops under General Gates in the Battle at the King's Mountain [see endnote] as it was then called and subsequently at Saratoga in October 1777 when Burgoyne surrendered himself and his whole army to the American Forces [17 Oct 1777]. During the same month other very severe fighting took place in which this affiant participated. After the defeat of General Gates in Camden S Carolina [16 Aug 1780] the Virginia Troops were ordered to South Carolina under General Green and at the Battle of the Cowpens [7 Jan 1781] this affiant was severely wounded in his right arm and hand by a sabre cut from one of Tarleton's men which wound is visible to this day. In March 1781 this affiant was at the Battle of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] in which our Troops

were defeated. In October 1781 this affiant was with his Company on the Gloucester side of York river during the siege of York when Cornwallis surrendered.

The above is a brief outline of this affiant's Campaigns in all of which he continued under the command of Captain Tompkies [sic: see endnote]. He was esteemed an officer of great worth and bravery and when he retired from the service as before stated after the affair at York he resided on his farm in Gloucester County till his death which occurred a short time afterwards.

The said Tompkies was a son of Judge Tompkies. This affiant is a native of Mathews County Virginia and has resided in Baltimore for the last eighteen years.
[23 Aug 1833]

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script. The top line reads "Armistead Cully" and the bottom line reads "Armistead Cully" with a flourish at the end. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

NOTE: Gen. Horatio Gates was not at the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina on 17 Oct 1780. The statement of Armistead Cully's service is very different from the one in his own pension application. Capt. Charles Tomkies did not serve in the Carolinas.

The Petition of the heirs of Captain Charles Tomkies respectfully states.

That he entered the service very early in the revolution and was five or six years in actual service in the Virginia line but never rec'd his land Bounty. He was an opulent man and needed not the bounty of the Government. His heirs who are most of them, his grand children will now gladly receive all to which he was entitled.

[A summary of the evidence follows—not transcribed.]

The Petitioners pray to be allowed the land Bounty due for the services of their ancestor who is thus proved to have been a Captain of the Va. Cont. line more than three years & to have served with honor to himself & benefit of his Country.

Thomas Greene Atto for the Petitioners