

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Tyree (Tyre) W6331

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State of Tennessee Smith County:

On this 28 day of August 1832 William Tyree a resident of said County, personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record having a Seal and Clerk, aged 80 years in December next, 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 the 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He was drafted in the State of Virginia in Prince Edward County, and was put under the Command of Capt Jesse Owen or Owens, & Lieut Dudley McDerman. He was marched from Prince Edward County Virginia to Hillsborough, where he joined the army under the Command of Gen. [Horatio] Gates. at Hillsborough he was appointed a Sergeant and held that appointment until he was discharged. He was marched from Hillsborough with the army under Genl Gates, and discharge the duties of a Waggon Master, during his continuance in the service, he belonged to the army of Gates at the time of his defeat at Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780], but was not in the action owing to his absence upon the duties of his office as aforesaid Waggon Master or forwarder of supplies for the army. From Camden he returned with the army to Hillsborough, and was marched from thence to Guilford Courthouse, where he was regularly discharged. Gates [Col. George] Stubblefield & [Lt. Col. Ralph] Faulkner, he thinks commanded the Regiment to which he belonged, and Gen. [Edward] Stevens commanded the Brigade. He thinks he entered the service in April or May 1780 and served during that term the time of six months. He knows he was honorably discharged, but it has been many years since he saw his discharge. He only served one tour of duty and knows of no person living in this state by whom he could prove his service. He has some documentary evidence to prove his service, which is herewith filed, which he makes part of this declaration.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

Question. Where and in what year was you born

Ans. I was born in Powatan [sic: Powhatan] County and State of Virginia in the year 1752.

Quest 2^d Have you any record of your age, if so where is it. Ans. I have no record of my age, but it will be found by consulting the records of the Church of England in Powatan County Va.

Quest 3^d Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you live now

Ans. I lived in Prince Edward County Va. when called into service. I continued to live in the same place in said County until the year 1807 I then removed to Smith County, Tennessee & have resided there ever since - & now reside there —

William hisXmark Tyree

Instructions for Sergeant.

Hillsborough July 12th 1780.

Sir

You will proceed on to Cross creek and lose no time, deliver W. Mattell his Letter who will load your waggons with Salt taken in Eighteen Bushels in each Waggon and a Small Bar'l. Sugar for ½ doz Winsor chairs a Negro woman & a Side Saddle, you will apply to Mr. Mattell for those Articles and he will inform you whose they are and how you'l get them dont fail getting them if you dont bring quite so much salt I make no doubt but every attention in your power will be paid to those Instructions, and you will call on those to furnish you with Provisions and forage which is able and can spare it, take care to give recp'ts for Everything you get as the people may get paid and that no depredations be committed on ~~the people~~ any persons under any pretence whatever

By Order of Gen'l. Stevens

J. Estes A.C.P.

[Not dated, water-damaged and barely legible]
To Mr Tyree Sergt [one line illegible]
Sir

You will proceed into the Country and find who has corn. In [two or three illegible words] but all those who has corn will give every assistance to the Army in their power when they know that the army at this place are in suffering for [one illegible line] But you will [two or three illegible words] with those who you take from and will support thereof[?] the intent and meaning of this is only to take from whom will not sell and have it to spare, take care that no depredations are committed by any means or under any pretence what ever you will call on those who can furnish you with provisions for your selves and forage for your Horses and give them a Certificate for every thing you receive as they may have it in their power to be paid for all articles so taken —
A Estes ACP.
By order of Gen. Stevens of the [illegible]

William Tyree one of the Virginia Militia haveing Serv'd his Tower of Duty in Gen'l. Steaphens's Brigade is hereby Discharg'd by me the 8th of November 80. Nath G Morris
Maj Com't [Commandant?]

William Tyree Sergt.
Hillsborough July 21st 1780.

Sir
You will please to proceed on the road to Pitslvania [sic: Pittsylvania County or Courthouse in VA] and make application to the Commissioners for to Lade your two Waggon with Corn I have Sent on Mr. Halladay with five waggon, who acts as Waggon Master for them and these two I hope you will Over take them as he has Gen'l. Stevens' Instructions how to proceed if you should not see him you will show this to the Commissioners who will give you Every assistance in their power
I am your Obt S't. J Estes A.C.P.
To Wm. Tyree Sergeant

[Not dated. Slashes show original line breaks.]
from Hillsb'o to/ Crows ford on Haw River/ 18 miles [Near Crows Creek, Chatham County NC]
to Chatham/ CourtHouse 8 miles/ [Now Pittsboro]
to Ramseys mills 12 miles/ [Near present Moncure]
to Hintons — 8/
to dobbins — 15/
to Little River — 12/
to Cross creek — 12/ [Cross Creek, now Fayetteville NC]
51/
26/
77/

Mrs Sally Tyree in Virginia - Prince Edward Co.
favour by Mr Richards
Dear Wife. Hillsborough. July 10 1780
Having an Oppertunity of Writing To you I Should be wanting in Duty, Should I omit it: Tho I have nothing. Alarming. or Entertaining to Transmit unto you. at present this leaves us all in a tolerable State of Health at present. Hoping that God in his. Davine protecsion has been as favor Mercifull to you & the Children — I. Expect we Shall March Down towards Fall Cross Creak as Soon as we get arms - for it is generally Reported there is a great number of them there. - I have nomore to Add - but Remains Dear Wife your Loveing Husband

[signed] William Tyree
Mr Wiliam Tyry at head Quarters Captain owins Company South Carolina
Prince Edward County Virginia July ye 29 1780

Dear and loving Husband I do take this favourabl opertunity to write to you to let you know that I and my Little Children are all in good Health at Present thanks be to almighty God for all His mercies that he bestows upon us hopein that these few lines my find you in the same Your absence is very disagreeable to me and I should be very glad if it were the will of Providence that We Should have the Pleasure of meeting again the time seems very long and tedious to me but I Know that the Lord is all suficient to preserve both you and me in our Absence as well as if we were to gether and I do hope and trust that he Will continue his Goodness to us untill We meet again Sarah Chalender has Gone and left m but I am not Left alon but i do not think that all the company In the world can Satisfy me untill I do see you again I Received three Letters from you which aforded me abundance of satisfaction when I understood that you was Wagoner Pray fail not to Write to me at Every opertunity and to let me Know whether you do continue to be wagoner and what time you do expect to be hom So no more at present but I Remain

Your Loving and afectionate wif untill death

[signed] Sarah Tyry

NOTE: On 19 Jan 1837 Sarah Tyre, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married William Tyre in 1773 or 1774 in Buckingham County VA, that they had three children at the time William Tyre entered service, and that he died 30 Sep 1833. A neighbor deposed that the family register showed that their first child, Flanders Tyree, was born 19 Mar 1775, and that six or seven children followed.