

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Tallow (Tulloh)<sup>1</sup> W6334 Susan f62VA  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina Person County: On this the 21st day of June in the year of our Lord 1841

Personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting, Thomas Tallow a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged about seventy-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 act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

Where and in what year were you born

I have no family register, but supposed from the best information I can obtain I was born about the year 1764

Have you any record of your age

I have none

Where were you living when called into Service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, & where do you now live.

I was living in Hanover County, State of Virginia when called into Service and lived in the same County after the war for some time, and then moved to the County of Halifax Virginia: from thence to Person County North Carolina where I now live.

How were you called into Service were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom?

I was carried before a board of Officers & by them received for my Father David Tallow as a proper Substitute

State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general Circumstances of your Service.

In the year 1781 about the first of February, I was taken into Service of the United States as a Soldier & placed under Captain Thompson and Colonel Anderson & was marched to Westham, on James River above the Richmond, from thence down James River to a place called Shirley hundred, from thence to a place called Sandy Point, from thence to a place called Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] near James River, at which place my first term of three months Service expired & I was discharged and returned home, I had been at home only a few weeks, when my father David Tallow was called on to serve another three months, as a militia man (the three Tours I served was in the militia Service) when I again offered myself as a Substitute in my father's place and was examined, before a board of officers at Hanover Court House, and was received and ordered to meet the next day at Goodall's Tavern above Richmond ready to march, Captain Allcock took

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command and marched to the Company to head quarters at four mile Creek on James River, we were then marched to Richmond under General Stephens [Edward Stevens] a Brigadier General and Major Declumon [Christian Charles de Klauman] a Frenchman, from Richmond we were pursued by the British across Pamunkey River at Anderson's bridge from thence we turned to the left leaving Fredericksburg to the right and marched through Orange County from thence to the County of Fluvanna where we joined General Wayne. The talk among the Soldiers was that we should join General Wayne, at such a time, about the time of day spoken of we were halted and marched out of the road a few steps when General Wayne's Army passed us and we were ordered to march after them. The thing was then changed, we then pursued the British by day and by night down James River, I recollect at old James Town General Wayne got near enough to fire on the rear of the British Army before they could cross the River, my impression was that General Lafayette was the commander in chief I frequently saw him during this term of service (as for General Washington I never saw him in my life) it would be perfectly unnecessary to attempt a description of the suffering of the Soldiers about this term of my Service, I have marched all night frequently having nothing to eat, waded creeks & have frequently seen the Soldiers get up water in their hats and drank as they marched, our provision was of the most inferior kind & scarcely enough to sustain life (I have frequently seen Poplar bark used for a soldier's tray), In the spring of 1782 I was again called into service and marched to little York, If my life was in the stake I cannot say whether I had become of age and served this tower in my own place, or whether I was a Substitute for some other person, I have less recollection of this tower than either of the other two, I suppose it is owing to the excited feeling produced by the prospect of peace and Independence, the principal Service I was called on to rendered during this term of service, was assisting to load the French vessels with cannon, I was discharged sometime in August for I recollect the cornfields were in roasting ears, I also recollect that the Soldiers from my County drew no money and had nothing to bear their expenses home,  
Did you ever receive a discharge

I never received a written discharge, only a verbal discharge,  
I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and also declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Tallow

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thomas Tallow', written in dark ink on a light background.

Mr. Francis Epperson testified as follows, I was living in the County of Hanover, State of Virginia, a near neighbor to David Tallow, as well as I recollect about the year 1781, when Mr. David Tallow was called on to serve a 3 month Tower and his son Thomas Tallow declarant in this instrument was taken as a Substitute in his father's (David Tallow's) place, I'll Families living near intimate and his being in the Service was frequently spoken of in his family and my father's, I have known Mr. Thomas Tallow ever since the revolutionary war and never heard any man doubt the fact of his being a revolutionary Soldier, I have also some recollection of his being at little York.

Sworn to and subscribed this 21st of June 1841

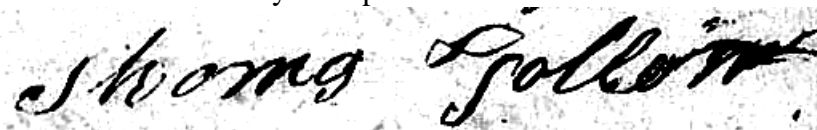
S/ Francis Epperson

[Clement H Jordan, a practicing physician and David B Nicholson, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Person County September Term 1841: This day appeared in Open Court, Thomas Tallow and gave the following reasons on oath for his not applying sooner to the war Department for a pension under the act of June the 7th 1832.

The first reason that I offer is, that I am a laboring man and never was capable of transacting such business myself, In the year 1833 I lived in the County of Halifax State of Virginia Mr. Baynham of the same County undertook to get my Pension, Archibald Warrins, John Eppes and others, Warrins and Epps he obtained I think, I expected to prove my Services by Mr. Francis Epperson whose affidavit you have in the declaration presented to you, he was the only person that knew of my Services nearer than Hanover County State of Virginia 200 miles off, he lived in Person County North Carolina, I went to his house and [word obliterated] that he was out of the neighborhood, I left a request with his family that he would attend Halifax Court, he failed to attend he said from the fact of my being a Substitute for my father and thought I could not obtain a pension, I have no doubt but what I could have proved my services then, in the County of Hanover by many witnesses, but I was old and have lost much of my youthful energy, and Mr. Baynham who I employed to do the business would not go; and finally Mr. Baynham moved off to the State of Missouri and the business was entirely neglected. Something over a year ago I moved into the State of North Carolina and settled in Person County and finding Mr. Epperson still living, I once more concluded to present my declaration to the Court and war Department and hoping it might find favor and that I might receive something for the services I rendered my Country in its distress. I hereby appeal to the Judge of all the earth and affirm that I served three, three-months towers as stated in my declaration and that I have never received pay for that service, Sworn to and subscribed this 21 day of September 1841.



[f p 23: William Tallow of Person County North Carolina gave a supporting affidavit in which he stated he is the brother of Thomas Tallow; that in 1781 he lived in Hanover County Virginia with his father David Tallow and that his brother, Thomas, was called into service as a soldier and served 3 tours of 3 months each. The affidavit is dated September 21, 1841



[f p 6: On April 24, 1855 in Halifax County Virginia, Susan Tulloh, 47, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Tulloh a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$20 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him January 21, 1839 in Person County North Carolina; that they were married by Ambrose Jones, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Susan Wilkins; that her husband died in Person County North Carolina March 20, 1844; and that she remains his widow.

*Susan Tuller*

[f p. 18: Copy of a marriage bond dated January 21, 1839 issued in Person County North Carolina to David Tuller and Daniel Reaves the condition of which was the marriage of Thomas Tuller to Susannah Wilkins.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]