

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Tilman Camper W8573 Dinah Kamper VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 31 May 2018.

State of Kentucky

Fayette county & circuit Sct

On this 22 day of Oct'r 1832 personally appeared in open court before Thomas M. Hicky Judge in the circuit & county afs'd Tilman Camper resident in said county & state aged seventy three years past 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

1. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He first enlisted under Capt Leonard Helms [sic: Leonard Helm R14982] of the Illenois [sic: Illinois] Reg't for six months, in Fauquier county Virginia in 1778 where he then lived & marched to Red Stone [Redstone Fort, now Brownsville PA] & there joined Gen'l Clarks [George Rogers Clark VAS269] army & went by water to the falls of the Ohio, (now Louisville) & then went to Illenois & there took Gov Roseblaub prisoner [sic: Gov P F Rastel de Rocheblave at Kaskaskia IL, 4 Jul 1778] & his time of six months expired. He then enlisted under Capt [Joseph] Bowman of said Reg't & went to a small fort this side of St Louis – this was for seven months – we took that fort – then took Opost otherwise called Vincennes with Gov Hamilton [Henry Hamilton, 25 Feb 1779] & all his forces & there staid the balance of my time & 2½ months over to aid in holding the posts & treat with the Indians till more troops came – these two tours & over time & time to march back to Virginia occupied over eighteen months – 2. In the year 1780 he was drafted & marched under Capt [Tilman] Weaver of said Fauquier county Va. to Williamsburg & served two months & 8 days, besides the time occupied in returning home, which was about 150 miles. Gen'l Weeden [sic: George Weedon] commanded us at Williamsburg & Col A. Churchill [Armistead Churchill]. – 3. In the year 1781 he was drafted & marched under Capt Ball to Richmond Va. & served there three months & returned home – Gen'l Stevens of Culpepper [sic: Edward Stevens of Culpeper County] then commanded them.

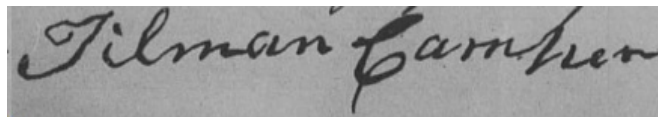
4 In the same year he was drafted under Capt Conway [Thomas Conway, Jr] & marched again to Richmond & then went under the Gen'l Le Marquis as we called him (LaFayette) & then marched back to Williamsburg & served then three months.

5 In the year 1786 he was drafted & marched under Capt Bush against the Indians in Kentucky & served a few weeks & returned home again – under Gen'l [Benjamin] Logan. We went to the Shawnee towns & took seven of them & killed a good many Indians among them King Malunta [Chief Moluntha, captured then murdered] & took 30 prisoners & brought them to Kentucky – this was after he moved to Fayette county Ky where he has ever since resided —

That he has no written evidence in his possession except the enclosed deed from Missus Taylor Croghan & Terrall for land [not found]. He had a discharge & thinks he gave it to Henry Asberry Esq to aid him in getting some more public land which he was told he was entitled to & he has no doubt his name will be found on the muster rolls of the Illenois Regiments. His whole services lasted about twenty seven months – at least more than two years, besides the time of returning home, when discharged.

He knows no one near here by whom he can prove his services, farther than is now annexed.

He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the list or pension roll of any State or agency. Sworn to & subscribed this day & year afs'd.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tilman Camper". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia City of Richmond (towit

Henry Asbury (who states he resides in Lexington Kentucky) Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said City and made Oath that he is personally acquainted with Tilman Camper and has been for many years & that said Camper resides seven or Eight miles from Lexington; and he has always heard it reported, and believes that said Camper was a Soldier of the Illinois Regiment Commanded by Col. George R. Clark in the Revolution, he understood this from soldiers who belonged to said Reg't. he once undertook to procure the bounty Land for said Camper, & declined it in consequence of believing the bounty being so small (only one hundred acres) Henry Asbury

[7 April 1834]

The Petition of Tilman Camper Ill'o volunteer for bounty land.

Tilman Camper was an Illinois volunteer, under Captain Bowman and Captain Kellar [Abraham Kellar R15580] from August 1778 to May 8th 1779 during which time the British Posts in Illinois were taken by Gen'l Clarke's troops. (see Payrolls of Captain Bowman's & Capt. Kellar's Companies, in Vol. 1st Illinois Papers) Respectfully submitted/ John H. Smith Com'r &c
To Gov'r Tazewell August 9th 1834

NOTE: On 14 Feb 1837 Dinah Camper, 73, applied for a pension stating that as Dinah Hit, daughter of Peter Hit, she married Tilman Camper on 22 Oct 1779, and he died 3 Dec 1836. On 24 Dec 1838 Dinah Camper, 74, applied again. On 19 May 1839 Nancy Marsh, 43, ninth of the 16 children of Tilman and Dinah Camper, certified the family record transcribed below as having been written by an unknown person who spelled the surname differently from the way her father spelled it. Levi B. Kamper, 33, stated that although his father spelled his name Camper, the other members of the family spelled it Kamper.

Tilman Kamper was Born April ye 11th 1759

Dinah Hitt was Born April the 15th 1764

And was Married Oct'r. 22nd 1779

Thomas Kamper son of Tilman Kamper & Dinah His wife was Born Sept'r. the 19th 1780

Anne Kamper was Born January ye 13th 1782

Benjamin James Kamper was Born July the 17th 1783

Sarah Kamper was Born January the 15th 1786

Jonathan Kamper was Born January 13th 1788

Nimrod Kamper was Born Nov'r 3rd 1789

Elizabeth Kamper was Born March 3rd 1791

Polly Kamper was Born February 28th 1793

Nancy Kamper was Born March 2nd 1795

Charles Weaver Kamper was Born April 1st 1797

Joel Hitt Kamper was Born 21st of June 1799

Peter Kamper was Born June 25th 1802

Merriam Kamper was Born March 7th 1804

Levy Kamper was Born March 10th 1806

Reuben Hitt Kamper was Born the 19 day of march the yer 1808

Tilman Kamper Was borne Aprile the the 11th the year 1795 Come Saints [followed by several illegible lines]