

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Harris Tomlinson W9862 (Winifred, Winifield) f40VA
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[f p. 8]

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

On this 20th day of June, 1840 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Winifred Tomlinson a resident of said County and State aged 72 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 7th 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows –"

That she is the widow of Harris Tomlinson late of the said County and State, who was an officer in the militia service of Virginia, in the War of the Revolution – She declares, that she does not pretend to note anything personally in regard to the service of her late husband in the Revolutionary War – She has repeatedly heard her late husband say in his lifetime, and others who served with him, that he was in service of his country some considerable time; was engaged in several battles, and that he suffered many hardships and privations: all of which, she verily believes to be true – That from old age and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to memory at this time the particulars of her late husband's service as detailed by him: and therefore prefers to rely on the statement of those who served with him, whose certificates accompany her Declaration – That for the same reason, she cannot state with certainty the length of time her husband was in actual service altogether, but would suppose he served at least 12 months for which it length of time she claims a pension. In support of her claim, she refers to the Army Records of the period, and accompanying certificates, all of which are prayed to be considered as part –

She further declares, that she was married to the said Harris Tomlinson on the 29th day of November 1792; that her husband the aforesaid Harris Tomlinson died on the 22nd day of December, 1820; 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: to wit at the time above stated.

S/ Winifred Tomlinson, X her mark

[f p. 6: copy of a marriage bond dated November 28, 1792 issued in Lunenburg County Virginia to Harris Tomlinson and Reason Tisdale conditioned upon the marriage of Harris Tomlinson to Winnifred Crowder.]

[f p. 10: Thomas B Tomlinson gave a supporting affidavit confirming the identity of the widow. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated in this document.

Thomas B Tomlinson]

[f p. 14]

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Harris Tomlinson late of Lunenburg County in the War of the Revolution, and have a most distinct recollection that in the early part of 1780, he served as a Lieutenant of Militia under Captain Walker [Silvanus Walker] from the County of Lunenburg and marched to the South, and was engaged in the battle of Camden in August 1780 [August 15-16, 1780] – He served three months on this occasion, for I was with him as a soldier in the company at the time –

I further certify, that he acted and served as Lieutenant in Captain Tomlinson's company for three months in North Carolina in 1781, and was engaged in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] – Not being in same company, but Captain Walker's at the time, I cannot say how long he served, but supposed three months on this occasion – he was an excellent officer and rendered much service before the above stated in the War of the Revolution.

I am in the 82nd year of my age, and a pensioner of the United States.

S/ Ambrose Haley¹

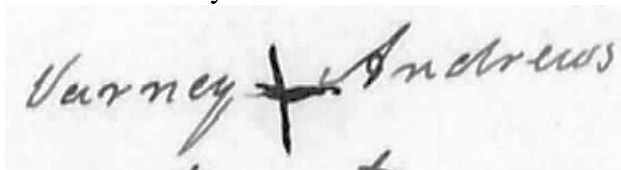


[f p. 16]

State of Virginia Mecklenburg County to wit:

I Varney Andrews² of said County, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Harris Tomlinson late of Lunenburg County, Virginia, in the War of the Revolution: and have a most distinct recollection, that in the year 1779, he was a Lieutenant under Captain Samuel Garland, and served a tour of six months in the militia as a Volunteer and marched from Lunenburg to "Guiwns Island," [Gwynn Island], thence to a place called " Barren Point" [Barron Point] on the Potomac [River], and thence marched to the Holston River against the Indians – we were discharged at a place called "Long Island" on the Holston River; the said Harris Tomlinson as Lieutenant, served the said term of six months and was honorably discharged – Colonel Morgan, and Major Gleen commanded the Battalion. I marched from Halifax, under Captain Rogers, but know the fact that said Lieutenant Harris Tomlinson, served in the same Regiment or Battalion – as above stated – I am in the 86 year of my age, and a Pensioner of the United States.

S/ Varney Andrews



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Virginia: Mecklenburg County to wit:

I Drury Andrews do hereby certify, that I was well acquainted with Harris Tomlinson, deceased, late of Lunenburg County, in the War of the Revolution: I know the fact that in the

¹ [Ambrose Haley S8689](#)

² [Varney Andrews S11992](#)

year 1779, he served as a Lieutenant in the Volunteer Company of Captain Garland for the term of six months, and marched to "Guinus Island" [Gwynn Island] thence to a place called "Barren Point," [Barron Point] on the Potomac [River], and thence to the Holston River against the Indians – I marched in the same company as far as the Potomac, where I was discharged on account of sickness – Colonel Morgan, Major Gleen and General Gates were commanding Officers – The said Harris Tomlinson, I well recollect, acted as Lieutenant, and volunteered for six months, and honestly believes he served the said term faithfully. I am in the 80th year of my age and was a soldier of the Revolution –

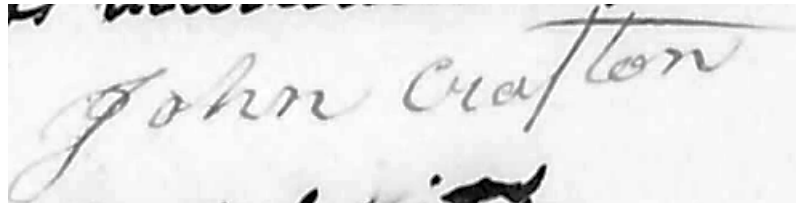
S/ Drury Andrews, X his mark

[f p. 31]

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

I John Crafton do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Harris Tomlinson, deceased, late of Lunenburg County, Virginia, in the War of the Revolution. According to my best recollection, he enlisted in the year 1777, under Captain S Garland in the Virginia militia service as a Volunteer for the time of six months, which time I have every reason to believe he served faithfully. He the said Tomlinson, also served as Lieutenant under Captain Walker in the Militia for three months in 1780, and was engaged in the battles at Camden in August, 1780 – I was not with him in the two tours mentioned above, but know the fact, that he served. He served a tour of three months at Guilford under Captain Tomlinson in 1781, I know, for I marched at the same time in Captain Walker's Company. I am in the 81st year of my age.

S/ John Crafton

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Crafton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[Attested June 8, 1841]

[f p. 40]

State of Virginia Lunenburg County to wit

I William H Taylor Clerk of the County Court of Lunenburg in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify, that it appears from the records of my office that on the 14th day of August 1777 Harris Tomlinson was recommended to his Excellency the Governor as a fit person to execute the office of Ensign in Benjamin Tomlinson's company of militia in this County – and I do further certify, that it appears also of record in my office that on the 13th day of August 1778, the said Harris Tomlinson was recommended to the Governor as a fit person to execute the office of Lieutenant in the said Benjamin Tomlinson's company of militia in this County. In witness whereof I have annexed the seal of the said court and subscribed my name the 23rd day of August 1840

S/ Wm H. Taylor CC

[f p. 4: Finding by the Lunenburg County court dated February 10, 1851 that "There has satisfactory evidence been exhibited to the Court that Winfred Tomlinson widow of Harriss Tomlinson (who was an Ensign in the Revolution) was a resident of Virginia in the County of Lunenburg and died there in on the sixth day of December 1840 leaving five children whose

names are Thomas B Tomlinson, Harris M Tomlinson, Betsey C Arnold wife of John I Arnold, James Raney wife of Buckner M. D. Raney and Louisa Tucker wife of Calwell Tucker, who are now living."]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$160 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia militia for 12 months.]