Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Tipps R10616
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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Court 1832

On this 26th day of January 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices holding said Court Jacob Tipps a resident of Burke County State of N. C. aged about 84 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare and say & make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as follows:

In the beginning of or early after the beginning of the war of the revolution I entered the service from the County of Rowan (that part that is now Lincoln) under Captain Rudolph Conrad or Conrod of Colonel Bateman's Regiment of N. C. militia for a three months Tour to Cross Creek now Fayetteville against the Scotch Tories. General Rutherford commanded when we reached the Place the fighting was all over, but I saw some of the Prisoners. I served the three months Tour out to all but a few days for after we passed Salisbury N. C. our officers disbanded us & told us to get home as well as we could.

My next tour of duty was for three months in the same year in the fall of the last tour of duty under General Rutherford out to the Cherokee nation (same Captain & Col. as the last) when we burnt their towns on Valley River & elsewhere killed some Cherokees & took some prisoners & delivered them up to the Army from South Carolina who were out on the same business – next a tour of three months under Captain John Hoselburger, Charles McDowell Colonel & we were joined General Rutherford in or near Salisbury North Carolina marched & reached Wilmington & were laying there when we received the information of Lord Cornwallis being taken at Little York in Virginia about this time the British Evacuated Wilmington & after all appeared to be safe we marched back I Drove a baggage wagon oath to Wilmington & back again to Bullinger's mill in Rowan this took a few days more than three months. I know of no person whose testimony I can procure to prove my Services – except Conrad Winkler the Sheriff of the County & one of the court.

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

Questions by the Court:

1st When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Pennsylvania in 1748 & moved to Virginia when a child.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: no it's lost

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived in Rowan during the Revolutionary war at the beginning. After the war [was] over I moved to Kentucky stayed there one & a half years then moved back to Lincoln & there stayed about one year, after that moved here to Burke & lived here ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was a Volunteer every time.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I do not recollect that I ever came under the immediate command of any Continental officer I do not believe that when we went on the first expedition to Cross Creek that there was any Continental there, if there was one I do not recollect to have seen one. I also know that there was none with Rutherford when we went on to the Cherokee nation. There were some regular officers at Wilmington when we were there but I cannot recollect the name of one for I never came under the command for I drove a wagon & had a horse in the team and took care of my teams. I have not stated dates but the times when particular expeditions take place I recollect that I was in the service and served the United States against the British & Tories during the revolutionary war.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I never received a written discharge from the Service. The rule that pervaded with my commanding officers was to disband us and our time was out.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: I have hereunto appended the affidavit of Conrad Winkler who proves that by served in the revolution and also have hereunto appended the affidavit of John Boon the Sheriff of the County & do not know that any other of his neighbors is here.

Sworn to in open court this 27th April 1832.

S/ Jacob Tipps, X his mark

S/ J. Erwin, Clk

[John Boon gives the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Conrad Winkler comes in to open Court and makes oath according to law that he is well acquainted with Jacob Tipps and has been so from the time he Conrad was a boy, that during the revolutionary war they lived neighbors, that said Jacob Tipps Served or went off into the Service of the United States & returned & it was generally reputed and believed that he was a good soldier & served his country faithfully & that this applicant Jacob now in Court is the man he further swears that he now lives in the same neighborhood of Jacob & that it is generally reputed & believed that he was a Soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the 27th of October 1832. S/ Conrad Winkler, X his mark Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clk

[p 12, copy of the marriage bond given by Jacob Tipps and William Martin to Richard Caswell Governor for the marriage of Tipps to Margaret Grunt; bond dated June 10, 1778 and posted in Rowan [later, Lincoln County], NC]

[facts in file: Jacob was allowed a pension; he died November 3, 1837 (as shown in the War Dept. records) or November 5, 1837 (as stated by his widow); he married Margaret Grant [sic, license says Grunt] June 12, 1776 in Lincoln County; Margaret was 81 years old and living in Burke County when she filed for a widow's pension in 1844; she died September 1 or 14, 1846; children of Jacob and Margaret in 1853:

Joseph Tipps of Burke County North Carolina

Mrs. Barbara Hood of Caldwell County North Carolina, 51

Mrs. Susan Deal of the Cherokee County North Carolina

Mrs. Catharine Lingle of Morgan County Indiana David Tipps of Washington County Indiana Mrs. Betsy Cross of Jackson County Indiana Mrs. Margaret Franklin of Bartholomew County Indiana Peter Tipps of rush County Texas Jacob Tipps of Harris County Texas

George Tipps of Franklin County Tennessee Sarah or Sally Awalt of Davis County, Iowa]

The widow's petition was not granted.]