

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Dempsey Tyner S1599

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State of Tennessee, Hamilton County

On this 27th day of November 1832 personally appeared in this court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Hamilton County aforesaid now sitting, Demsey Tyner resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy seven years and 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say that he volunteered under Captain Thomas Keelin Smith in Abbeville County South Carolina who was attached to the command of General Andrew Williamson and Colonel Robert Anderson. This applicant was marched by the above named officers against the Cherokee Indians to Brass Town on the Tugaloo River, now in South Carolina but then in possession of the Cherokees, where he saw some skirmishing; from there we were marched to Tomassee another Indian Town where he had an engagement with the Indians in which seventeen of our party were killed and wounded among which was Captain Hargrove killed. This applicant returned with the wounded from the last mentioned place to Seneca where some of our troops were fortified at what was called Seneca Fort. This applicant was sent for by Captain Andrew Miller who commanded a Company of Rangers on the frontier of South Carolina under whom this applicant served as a spy—three months—being about six weeks under Capt Smith as before stated this tour about four months and a half. This tour was served in the year 1776 in the latter part of the summer and fall as well as he recollects. This applicant immediately after serving as a spy was called on to go to Snow Camps under Captain Miller against the Tories and served better than two months against them and returned without effecting anything except taking a number of Tories as prisoners.

This applicant in the spring of '77 volunteered under Captain Miller, Col Anderson and Genl Williamson in the County of Abbeville and State of South Carolina and left home the 7th day of April and was marched by the before named officers on what was called the Florida Expedition to St. Mary's River to a place called Fort Tonon [sic, Fort Tonym] where the Army remained two or three weeks and was marched back by the same officers to ~~South Carolina~~ and was dismissed at Cherokee Hills in ~~Georgia~~ and was five days getting from there home; got home the 15th of August having served about four months this tour.

Some time in the fall after this applicant returned home he again volunteered and was marched by Lieutenant Norrid, a Lieutenant of Captain Miller's Company under Genl Williamson and Major Middleton (who was an acting Major in the Florida Campaign) to the siege of Savannah and was at the siege about two weeks. The Company to which this applicant belonged was marched from there to Parker's Ferry on Stono River to oppose the Tories who were collecting there. Genl Marion had dispersed them before our company reached there. Our Company was dismissed at said Ferry to return home and did return; having served this tour ten weeks or more.

Soon after this applicant returned from the siege at Savannah he was again called on by his Captain (Miller) and marched to McGowen's blockhouse against the Tories where Capt Miller's and Captain Baskin's Companies had an engagement with the Tories, and Capt Miller was shot through the knee and he and Capt Baskins taken prisoners by the Tories. This applicant and several others who were in the engagement made their escape without being taken and joined Major Pickens at the Cherokee Ford and marched against the Tories to Kittle Creek [sic, Kettle Creek] under him where we had another engagement with them and defeated them and took three hundred prisoners. This applicant was ordered on the guard to guard the prisoners to Ninety Six. After guarding them to Ninety Six this applicant was frequently engaged as a scout against the Tories for a considerable length of time and was much embarrassed by them until Genl Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] sent word to South Carolina that he would relieve the country and General Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke], then Col Clarke, from the State of Georgia came into South Carolina and took command of about three hundred troops; among the number this applicant entered the service again as a volunteer and was marched to Reedy branch of Long Cane Creek and had several engagements with the British and Tories under Kruger [sic, John Harris Cruger] and Allen in which engagement this applicant was wounded in the arm and was taken prisoner until after the Eutaw battle when this applicant was exchanged at Orangeburg or Sullivan's Island, and returned home having been in service and a prisoner upwards of nine months this tour.

This applicant then removed to Edgefield County S. Carolina and volunteered under Captain Thomas Jones who was commanded by Col LeRoy Hammond and was marched to Dorchester twenty five miles from Charleston but was in no engagement this expedition. After lying there some time this applicant was discharged which discharge has long since been lost. This applicant not knowing that it would ever benefit him he knows not what has become of it. The applicant considered himself at all times ready to obey the calls of his officers and has given the best account of his actual services he is able to give from his recollection. He knows he served more than he can recall the particulars about. This applicant don't recollect the names of any regular officers of the American Troops with whom he served except the Count De Estaing; General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], Genl Marion [Francis Marion] and Gen. Pulaski—with all of whom this applicant served at different times. He states that he has no documentary evidence of the services. That if he received more than one written discharge he has forgotten it. He does not know of any living witness he can procure as to his services during the Revolution. He states that he was born in the year 1755 in North Carolina Chowan County on the 4th day of August. He has no record of his age; his father left a Bible to him that had a record of his age in it with the ages of three of his children which Bible among other property was taken or destroyed by the Tories in the Revolution.

He was living in Abbeville County South Carolina when he first entered the service and removed as he has stated before the revolution ended. After the revolution he removed from Edgefield S. C. to Jackson County State of Georgia where he lived about seven years he does not recollect how long he lived in Edgefield S.C. before he moved to Georgia. He removed from Georgia to the State of Tennessee, Roane County, where he resided about five years from where he removed to Hamilton County where he has resided about eighteen years; being a resident here before the county was organized and still resides there. He has stated how he was called into service and the several circumstances of his service as well as he can recollect. He has stated all he recollects about his discharges.

He states that he is known in his present neighborhood to David Henderson, Esq and James Russell who can testify as to his character for veracity and good behavior and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution but not to any clergyman whom he can obtain.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state.

S/ Demsay Tiner

Sworn to and subscribed to this day and place aforesaid in open Court.
Attest: S/ Asahel Rawlings, Clk

[Daniel Henderson and James Russell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hamilton County: August Sessions 1833

Personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Justices of the County Court of Hamilton County aforesaid Demsey Tyner who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades viz. for 2 years and not less I served as a private in the Revolutionary War and for such service I claim a pension, also as stated before in the foregoing declaration that there is no Clergyman living in my neighborhood with whom I am acquainted that can certify for me.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 27th day of August 1833
S/ Asahell Rawlings, Clerk S/ Demsey Tiner

[fn p. 20: on June 30, 1845 in Meriwether County Georgia, Obedience Tyner, widow of Dempsey Tyner executed a power of attorney seeking the arrears of pension due Dempsey at his death on October 13, 1842.]