Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Tipton S16274
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State of Ohio Champaign County

On this ninth day of March 1838 personally appeared before me John Taylor, an associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, Thomas Tipton, a resident of the County of Champaign and State of Ohio, aged 100 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – that he volunteered in the Army of the United States in the year of 1776, the last of June or first of July in that year, in what Regiment, or with whom he does not now recollect; when he entered the service he lived in Fairfax County Virginia since the Revolutionary war he has resided in various parts of the State of Kentucky and Ohio and he now resides in Adams Township, Champaign County of Ohio: he recollects fighting under General Gates & General Morgan and [indecipherable word¹] with General Washington this Affiant recollects of being at the siege of York as 1st Sergeant in Captain John Galloway's Company under General George Washington – he was also at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and was in the United States service for years, during which time he was not employed in any civil pursuit: by reason of extreme old age he cannot now recollect positively any of the circumstances connected with his service during the war, he has however other testimony than his own, viz.: William Tipton of Montgomery County Kentucky, whose affidavit is herewith and made part of this declaration – this affiant was regularly discharge from the Service, but is unable to procure his original discharge – this Affiant never received a commission of any kind, although as above stated he served as first Sergeant in Captain John Galloway's Company – this Affiant further declares that he is known to Charles Wilson, Reuben Clark, John Wall, Asahel Wilkison, Thomas Daniel, John Daniel, and many others, who are his present neighbors and who have known him for many years as is shown by their statement. written and subscribed by their own hands mark (B) and who therein this testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency.

Witness S/ John H Young

S/ Thomas Tipton, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

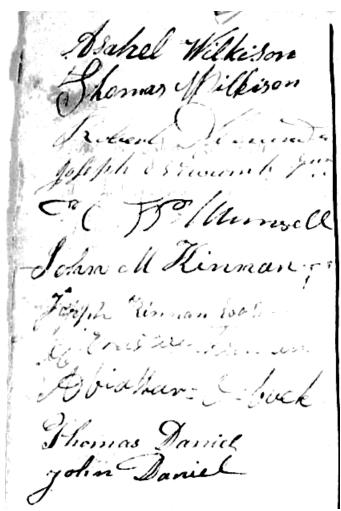
S/ John Taylor, Associate Judge

[f pp 4-5: is a 2-page, very crudely written and spelled document stating the understanding of the applicant's services in the Revolution and testifying as to his credibility and good reputation.



Among the statements they made is the assertion that he is between the ages of 90 and 100 and his mind is so compromised that he is "a child again." They state that he has ever been a free Will Baptist. That they do not believe he ever received a single cent for his services in the revolution; that he was born in Baltimore in Maryland then lived seven miles from Mount Vernon Virginia in Fairfax County; then moved to Frederick County Virginia near Winchester then moved to Botetourt County when he went his last tour. That he states he went as first Sergeant in his last tour he took his own gun, a rifle called the "Ranfro gun." "He says the Reason that he gat [got] no disCharg [discharge] that he was poisoned and Lay on the field at York in spelted [?] and parnounsed [pronounced] not to Recover But he was picked up By a Wagoner that nere [knew] him and Brought him within therty [thirty] mils [miles] of his home; after that war he moved to Cain Tuckey [Kentucky] living in many plases [places] ther Last of all he lived in Mountgomery [Montgomery] County then moved to Ohio lived in different [different] plases and in diffrent Countys now Livs [lives] in Champaign County Adams Township. N. B. he says he was one of the Rangers all throug [through] that War he was in that noted Battel [battle] in the BuCkwheat [Buckwheat] field with Morgan and had Severel [several] Bulet hols [bullet holes] shot through his hat that day he canat [can't] Recalate [recollect] his ofiCers [officers'] namesonly Washington, gats [Horatio Gates] and Morgan his children says the [they] heard thir [their] mother of ten tell them that thir Father Com [came] home 3 or 4 times and she thought evrytime [everytime] the Last time she would se [see] him he had three Children at that time...."

Charles Wilson, Reuben Clark, John Teall, Jospeh Newcom Sr., Asahel Wilkison, Shemar Wilkison, Robert Alexander, Joseph Newcomb, Jr., N. W. Mumsell [?], John M. Kinnan, Joseph Kinnan, Esq., [illegible first name] Kinnan, Abiathar O=buck, Thomas Daniel, John Daniel [each man indicated in a separate column how long he had been acquainted with the veteran]



[fp 23: James Peregrine, a clergyman, and Samuel Lewis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 25]

William Tipton Senior² of Montgomery County Kentucky, states that Thomas Tipton was in Captain Galloway's Company Virginia Militia, at the Siege of York – Galloway's Company was attached to Colonel Lewis' Regiment and all under command of General Long. This Affiant does not know the precise length of time the siege lasted, but knows that Thomas Tipton was the first Sergeant of Captain Galloway's Company during the siege and capture of Cornwallis. This Affiant states that he with Thomas Tipton marched from Botetourt County through Bedford and Williamsburg on their way to York. This Affiant also remembers that shortly after the surrender of Yorktown, Thomas Tipton was taken sick, and was hauled in the baggage wagon to within 30 miles of his home, from which place this Affiant took him on a horse. Thomas Tipton is now upwards of 90 years old.

[attested September 17, 1835 [could be 1832] by L. Y. Millspaugh, JP]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for three months and a Sergeant for three months in the Virginia militia.]

² FPA S14700 transcribed and posted in this database 12/15/11