

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Golding Tinsley S18246

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State of SC, Spartanburg District: To wit

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, Before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now sitting, Golding Tinsley, a resident of Spartanburg District in the said state aged seventy four 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 Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. "I first entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Hays [Joseph Hayes], Col. James Williams and Genl. Williamson [Andrew Williamson] having the chief command sometime in April 1778 to Augusta, Georgia, where I served a two months Campaign. I then volunteered my services to Stono, 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 1779 [sic, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1779], where I fought under the command of Capt. Leonard [Laughlin Leonard], Major Pickens [Andrew Pickens], Col. Williams and Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. I again volunteered my services to Savannah, Georgia 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1779, where I fought under the command of Capt. J. Hayes, Col. James Williams and Genl. Lincoln in a tour of two months. In my return from Savannah, I volunteered my services under Capt. Richie [William Richey], with whom I served until the fall of Charleston, a space of time near six months. I then fill in with the refugees with whom I fought under the command of Capt. D. Williams [Daniel Williams] & Col. James Williams and fought at the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] where Col. Williams was killed [sic, mortally wounded, Williams died the next day]. From thence I continued with the refugees under the command of Capt. John Jones and Col. Hayes & under whom I fought in the battle at Blackstocks on the twentieth of November 1780 from thence I continued under the same officers with whom I fought at the Battle at the Cowpens which took place in 1781 [January 17, 1781]. I then continued with the refugees until about a week before the battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina when my horse was taken from me in my attempt to cross Adkin [Yadkin] River, on which account I was compelled to leave my company. I then went forthwith to Culpepper County in Virginia where being entirely moneyless was forced to take another man's place to get another horse, in substitution for whom I served six months, during which time I was present in the conflict which proved the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Little York in Virginia [October 19, 1781]. In the spring of 1782, I returned home to Newberry District South Carolina. Soon after which time I went on a tour to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River So. Ca. under Captain Irby and Genl. Pickens. I then returned and served out the end of the war under my Brother Capt. James Tinsley, and Col. Levi Casey.

Q. Where & in what year were you born?

Ans: Culpepper County in Virginia in or about the year 1756.

Ans 2: Have no record of my age—supposed to be destroyed by the Tories in the revolution.

Ans 3: In Ninety Six now called Newberry District So. Ca.—continued to live there after the revolution until about 28 years ago when I moved to Spartanburg District where I now live.

Ans 4: Was a volunteer (see foregoing declaration)

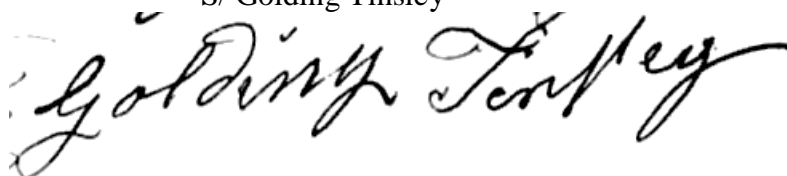
Ans 5: For Answer see foregoing declaration

Ans 6: Never received any discharge nor held a commission.

Ans 7: Robert Long<sup>1</sup> & Reuben Golding<sup>2</sup> of Laurens District So. Car. were with this deponent in the service & can testify to this services as a soldier and his character as a man of veracity.

Sworn to in open court.

S/ Golding Tinsley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Golding Tinsley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ John B. O'Neill, Presiding Judge

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#### Amended Declaration of Golding Tinsley

Golden Tinsley further on oath declares that the tour that he served under Captain Leonard as described in his declaration in which he fought the battle of Stono – he served three months as a private. The tour under Captain Ritchie also mentioned in the declaration this deponent is not certain as to the precise time, as to days – but he knows he served for at least five months and fifteen days as a private. The tour in which he fought at the battles of Blackstocks, Kings Mountain and Cowpens (also referred to above in the original declaration) he served as private as appears from the dates of the battles and from his own recollection five months and fifteen days. The tour that he served six months as a substitute this deponent does not recollect the names of the officers under whom he served, as he was frequently changed from one to another, and among strangers. – He thinks Captain Booton [sic, Burton?] commanded at one time, and at the siege he was under the command of Colonel Mathe[name runs off the page]. The tour also referred to in the declaration in which this declarant served under Captain Irby, he served two months as a private – and the tour under Captain Tinsley & Colonel Casey to the end of the war was at least three months. This deponent served during the whole of the time above in regular embodied Corps, called into service, as he always understood and believed by competent authority and that he was for the time referred to engaged as a private soldier and was engaged in no civil pursuit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me September 7<sup>th</sup> 1833

S/ H. J. Dean, JP

S/ Golding Tinsley

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South Carolina Spartanburg District

Before me one of the justices assigned to keep the peace for the District & state aforesaid personally came Golding Tinsley of the same District and state aforesaid who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time of his service. But according to the best

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<sup>1</sup> [Robert Long S7157](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Reuben Golding S21770](#)

of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades to wit, two years and five months he served as a private and for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before May 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833

S/ H. J. Dean, JP

S/ Golding Tinsley

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State of South Carolina

Spartanburg District

Personally came James Tinsley<sup>3</sup> before me a Justice of the Peace in & for the District aforesaid and being duly sworn on his oath says that he is the Brother of Golding Tinsley that he was with this Deponent as a private soldier on a tour to Augusta under Capt. Hayes for four months also at Savannah under Capt. Hayes for three months. Also a tour at Stono under Capt. Leonard for three months. Also this deponent was with the said Golding Tinsley at the Battle of Blackstocks for (he thinks) in that tour three months but he does not know that he was with him all the time the said Golding Tinsley served in that tour. He further sayeth that he was knowing to the service of a six month tour under Capt. Richehey [sic] in Laurens District. This deponent further says that he was knowing him on a tour to Bacon's Bridge for two months that he served at that time under Capt. Irby. This deponent also makes oath that he had his said Brother under his command (this deponent being Capt. for six months to the close of the war during which time they were generally in Newberry District So. Carolina.

S/ James Tinsley



Sworn to & subscribed before me this [?] day of Nov. 1833

S/ Joel Dean, JP

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Additional declaration of Golding Tinsley

In the month of April 1778 I first entered into the Service of the United States in Newberry District South Carolina as a volunteer under the command of Captain Hayes, Colonel Williams and General Williamson and marched to the city of Augusta Georgia. I served a tour of 2 months and was discharged verbally. I then in a very short time volunteered under Captain Leonard and marched to Stono where we fought the battle of Stono under the command of Captain Leonard, Major Pickens, Colonel Williams & General Lincoln. ~~I served in this tour 3 months.~~ We then marched through the State across the River which was then called Cumbee [Combahee?] to the coast in sight of an Island the name of which I have forgotten where we saw the forces of the enemy from thence we marched back to Newberry & was again verbally discharged after serving a tour of 3 months. In the year 1779 -- I again volunteered under Captain Hayes and marched to Savannah, Georgia and was in the battle at that place under the command of Captain Hayes, Colonel Williams and General Lincoln after we were driven back from that place we marched back to Newberry & was verbally discharged after serving a tour of 2 months. I then again volunteered my services in a horse company under Captain Richie a

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<sup>3</sup> [James Tinsley S21426](#)

company got up by the order of Colonel Williams to search out and arrest the deserters, robbers, & Tories in Newberry & Laurens Districts which were at that time much infested with such persons. Among whom was the famous Captain Cunningham of bloody memory. We served that way in those 2 districts for near 6 months I am sure as long as 5 months & a half.

Sometime about the fall of Charleston, I joined a company of refugees under the command of Captain Daniel Williams in the neighborhood of Kings Mountain and was engaged in the battle at that place under the command of Captain Williams, Colonel Williams & General Shelby on which occasion Colonel Williams was killed. I continued with the Refugees commanded by Captain Jones & Colonel Hayes (who had been promoted to that station) & marched through the upper part of North Carolina & South Carolina & fought the battles at lack stocks Ford on Tiger River and Cowpens after the last mentioned battle we marched into North Carolina and in attempting to cross the Yadkin River my horse was taken from the and was therefore compelled to leave my company -- after serving a tour of 5 months and a half I have then went to Culpeper County Virginia, and took the place of another man as a Substitute under Captain Borten [?] & Colonel Mathis as well as I recollect -- we marched from Culpepper to Petersburg & from thence to Lytle York where we fought the battle which terminated in the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. I was then verbally discharged after serving a tour of 6 months. After that I returned to Newberry District South Carolina and in 1782 I volunteered under Captain Irby & General Pickens & marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River & back home after a tour of 2 months, & was verbally discharged and soon afterwards volunteered under Captain James Tinsley & General Casey & served 3 months scouting in Newberry district it being the end of the war I was then verbally discharged.

I never received any written discharge through the war, all my services were rendered as a private. I am not able to produce any positive evidence of my services except that which accompanies my papers -- during the whole time of my services I was a private soldier with regularly embodied Corps as I understood called into service by competent authority -- and I was not during the term of my actual service in any civil employment or any employment except that connected with the duties of a soldier. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me November 25th 1833

S/ H. J. Dean, JP

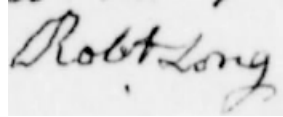
S/ Golding Tinsley

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State of South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me Robert Long who being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was personally acquainted with Golding Tinsley in the time of the Revolutionary war. In the year 1780 about the first of November in that year he served as a private and volunteer or rather a Refugee from the British and Tories in the Little River Regiment of Militia under Colonel Joseph Hayes of the above Regiment under Captain Daniel Williams till after Tarleton's defeat at the Cowpens on the 17th of January 1781 in which Battle he was together with himself in the same Regiment that he and his family were actual friends to America in the Revolutionary War: after the above (he this deponent) went into Virginia. And I believe he continued in the war till the close of the same. Sworn to and subscribed the 19th of September in the year 1832 before me

S/ [signature obliterated]

S/ Robt. Long



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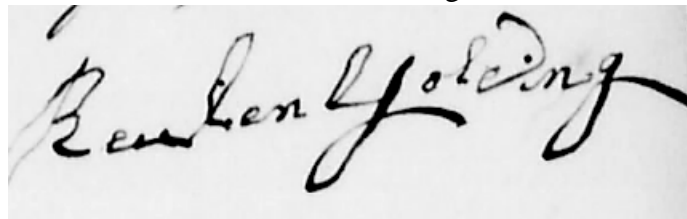
Laurens District South Carolina:

Personally appeared Reuben Golding before me one of the Justices of the peace for said District -- and on his oath saith that he saw Golding Tinsley in the Army at the Battle at Stono in the service of his Country in June 1778 and also saith he saw the above named Tinsley at the siege of Savannah in Georgia in 1779 the date to the best of his recollection, and further saith that he saw said Tinsley in the Army at the Siege of Cambridge under the command of General Greene in the year of 1781 the date to the best of the memory.

Sworn to before this 22nd day of September 1832

S/ Z. Bailey, JP

S/ Reuben Golding



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State of South Carolina Laurens District

Personally appeared Robert Long before me Henry S. Neil one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the district aforesaid; who being duly sworn, on his oath, saith, that he was well acquainted with Golding Tinsley in the Revolutionary War; that he served in the Little River Regiment of Militia of the State of South Carolina in said Regiment with himself: which was, in the time this deponent knew him in that service; commanded by Colonel Joseph Hayes and in Captain Daniel Williams Company of the same: the time he knew him in said service particularly was from the fight of November in the year 1780 until the middle of February '81 that he was in the Battle at the Cowpens this Tarleton's defeat as well as several other scrimmages with the Tories and British.

That the last place he saw him in the service was at the time General Daniel Morgan crossed the Yadkin River retreating from Lord Cornwallis that this deponent saw him 2 or 3 days after on foot having lost his horse (a very valuable one) at crossing said River.

S Robt. Long

Sworn to and subscribed this 6th of September 1837 before me

S/ Henry S. Neil, JP

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$68.33 per annum increased to \$80 per annum effective March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]