Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Tinsley S41255 VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 31 March 2022.

In Hanover County Court June 24th 1818

This day William Tinsley personally appeared in open Court and made oath to the following declarations, to wit, that he is a native born citizen of the United states and that he enlisted in the Regular army in the year 1781 under Captain Hal or Henry Moss [BLWt1504-300] at Cumberland old Courthouse and was commanded by Colo. Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450] and General [Anthony] Wayne. that he served for a term more than nine months, to wit, at Ogechee [sic: Ogeechee River in GA], and at Mrs. Gibbon's near Savanna [sic: Widow Gibson's at Sharon GA near Savannah River], that he was duly and honourably discharged at Richmond Virginia, in the month of August 1782, and the said Tinsley further maketh oath that he is so reduced in his circumstances as absolutely to require the aid and assistance of the Government for his support and maintenance, being old, without property and much afflicted with the rheumatism, & that he resides in this County

Hensley Grubbs [S37962] made oath that the said William Tinsley served more than nine months, and that he was in the battles at Ogechee [skirmish at Harris's Bridge on Ogeechee River, 20 May 1782] and Mrs. Gibbon's [skirmish at Sharon GA, 24 May 1782], and from his reduced circumstances, requires the aid & assistance of his country for his support

Thomas Southward [Thomas Southard W19076] made oath that the said Tensley served more than nine months in the army of the United States during the revolutionary war, and that his circumstances are such as require the assistance of his Country for his support

District of Virginia

On this 27th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the County of Hanover William Tinsley aged fifty eight years a resident in Hanover County in the district of Virginia who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that he enlisted in the regular army in the year 1781 under Capt. Hall or Henry Moss at Cumberland Old Courthouse, and was commanded by Colo. Posey & Gen'l. Wayne that he served for eighteen months that he was in an engagement at Ogeehee & another at Mrs. Gibbons near Savannah, that he was discharged at Richmond Virginia in the month of August 1783 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit Two hogs (necessary bedding and clothing is excepted) and I do farther solemnly swear that I am a shoemaker by trade, but am unable to work in consequence of disease, that my family consists only of myself & wife – that my wife is unable to work, & that I stand in need of support from my Country William hisXmark Tinsley

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Richmond Feby 5th 1800

I do hereby certify that William Tinsley enlisted as a Soldier in my company on the 28th Nov'r 1781 for the term of three years and marched with me to the south and remained with me in the service till 1783. I left him in Charleston in the month of March 1783 then in the service of the united states Given under my hand the day above mention Henry Moss Capt in the Second V.g. Regt

Henry Ser

I do Certifie that William Tensley inlisted the first of Feb'y 1781 and served til the end of the war Richmond 6th May 1784 2^d Virg'a Reg't

For Value Received I do assign My pay to Edw'd Valentine as witness my hand this 6th day of May 1784 Wm hisXmark Tinsley

Sir you will pleas to Let Edw'd Valentine [illegible] Certificate of my Inlisment and Service and you will Oblige your H'ble S't Wm hisXmark Tinsley Capt Moss

For a Valuable Consideration I do Assign the full pay & bounty of land due Wm Tinsley as a Sold'r in the Virg Line who served to the end of the war to Wm. Reynolds. Edw'd Valentine [undeciphered] 3^d 84

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists William Tinsley/ age 14/ height 5' 4"/ brown hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ born and residing in Hanover County/ enlisted as a substitute for three years.

On 5 June 1837 Delilah Tinsley wrote from Richmond VA to inquire about obtaining any pension due to her as widow of William Tinsley, who had died in the previous October. Another document, however, states that William Tinsley died on 15 July 1836.