Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Charles Tull S7759

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State of North Carolina, Lenoir County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April Term 1833

On the 3rd day of April in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Jonathan Rouse, Craver Mitts, P. Harden, Justices of the Court aforesaid Charles Tull of said County (said Court now sitting) aged on the 2nd day of next December 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath aforesaid make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he volunteered in the militia service in the County of Dobbs and State of North Carolina in the year 1775, in a company under the command of Captain Jesse Cobb in the Regiment under the command of Col. Richard Caswell, Lieutenant Colonel William Bryan & Major Graham from Kinston where the company was organized, he marched to New Bern and was there exercise or drilled for 14 days we then returned and remained in Lenoir until we were dispatched in the beginning of the year 1776 to South River in said State for the purpose of stopping the Tories. The Tories escaped from us at South River and we overtook them at Moore's Creek in New Hanover County 16 or 18 miles above Wilmington where we engaged them in a battle, the militia being commanded by Col. Richard Caswell and the Tories by one General McDaniel and Captain McCloud the latter of whom was killed in this battle. The loss of the Tories was in killed 14, and only one man on the part of our militia, which was thought to be an accident. In this battle the Tories were defeated. The second day after the battle we left Moore's Creek for Kinston where we remained until we were called to Wilmington about the last of February or first of March of said year. At Wilmington we were engaged in building entrenchments from an apprehension of an attack by the British who were said to be then at Brunswick. They did not however attack us and we returned to Kinston where we were discharged after a service of six months. There is no person living in the world at this time, by whom I can prove the foregoing services, that I know of, nor have I any other evidence of said services then what is hereto annexed.

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

Sworn to in open Court the 3rd of April 1833. S/ Charles Tull

S/ Lewis C. Desmond, Clk

[John Cox and James Tull gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The aforesaid applicant further states that there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood who can certify as to his services.

S/ Charles Tull

Answers to the interrogatories required by the aforesaid act. I was born in the state of Maryland in the year 1753 and moved to North Carolina at about the age of two years. I have a record of my age as kept by my father at home. I was living in Dobbs County when called into service where I have lived ever since. I volunteered on entering into the service as we then set forth. I was acquainted with Col. Richard Caswell, and the other officers named in this declaration. I refer you to John Washington, W. Levick, John Gatten, Dillon Caswell, Blount Coleman, N. G. Blount and in fact to any gentleman in the County of Lenoir as to my character for veracity and to John Gatten, John Cox & James Tull, at present in Court as to their belief from report of my having served in the revolutionary War.