

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Tapley Bynum S15031

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State of Kentucky County of Hickman: SS: On this 5 day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Judge Resin Davidge Judge of the Hickman Circuit Court now sitting Tapley Bynum a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order that he may obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June seventh 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated –

Tapley Bynum states he was born March 6, 1761 in Orange County which was subsequently divided and he became a citizen of Chatham County.

He entered the service as a volunteer in a Horse company of mounted Gunman under Captain Patterson & marched to the Pedee [River] in search of Tories, and had a great ramble after one Bearfield a noted leader of the Tories – was unsuccessful & returned home and was disbanded after a Tour of three months. Again he volunteered in a company of mounted Gunman under Captain Griffin directly after Fanning [David Fanning] came into Chatham County Court House which was at Scurlock's and took every man prisoner and called all that came in from the country – so soon as he could he Fanning left and took his prisoners to Charleston or Wilmington – Captain Griffin proceeded with all possible dispatch but could not overtake them. Here he was continued in service watching the progress of the Tories for three months & then disbanded – he served both Tours before Gates defeat¹ – He has no documentary evidence having lost his discharges if he ever had it in any & knows of no living witness whom he can procure to establish his claim, but he offers Luke Sellers & Stephen Collins who will testify as to his credibility & his character for truth and veracity –

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of the United States –

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Tapley Bynum

[Samuel Gibson, a clergyman, Stephen Collins and Luke Sellers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ Notwithstanding the veteran statement, it is highly unlikely that the events described by him occurred prior to Gates defeat. David Fanning and his group of Tories did not become notoriously active in North Carolina until 1781. Gates defeat occurred on August 16, 1780 near Camden South Carolina.

[fn p. 5: on March 21, 1835, Tapley Bynum applied in Calloway County Kentucky for a replacement for his pension certificate which he stated he had lost or mislaid.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia as a cavalry man.]