

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Tuttle W4836

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

On this 13th day of June 1836 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County of Stokes aforesaid John Tuttle aged 75 years and a resident of the said County who being sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

First, that he entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer Militia Soldier, where he was enrolled in Captain Peter O'Neal's company in Rockingham County North Carolina about Easter in the year 1778, when there was a special call for soldiers to be in re[adiness] at a moments notice, to march in order [to] route Tories, he being one of the men taken from Captain O'Neal's company to make up a company commanded by Captain Philips of Rockingham County aforesaid from thence said Captain Philips marched his company different directions & ways through Guilford County & Rowan to the Yadkin River, thence down the country into Randolph County to Deep River, the names of all the different places & stations he was marched he cannot now recollect as it was then & is yet a strange part of the country to him, he being then a youth & does not recollect the name of all of the officers who he then knew. But that he remained in this service under the command of said Captain Philips at least two months & was discharged verbally by his Captain & returned home to Rockingham.

The next Service he was drafted out of Captain Peter O'Neal's company in Rockingham County above mentioned for a Tour of three months, he believes in the month of August 1778 or 1779, he cannot properly ascertain which, and was a private in a company commanded by Captain William Wilson & marched to Guilford Court House North Carolina, and there they joined Colonel Paisley's Regiment, then marched to Stone's Ferry on the Yadkin River in Rowan County from thence to Salisbury & were joined by General Davidson's Brigade and remained some time at Salisbury., then marched to or near the borders of South Carolina & took up what was called headquarters at a place called the 12 Mile Creek where we took 18 Tories, & Colonel Paisley & other officers had been tried by court-martial, when this applicant was one of the guard, nine of the prisoners were acquitted & the other nine were sentenced to receive the lash, & he did receive them on their bare backs & to serve 12 months in the regular service. Shortly after this happened, information came to our officers that the British Army was advancing towards & near headquarters: we were ordered to march immediately and did retreat in a hurry and marched in a dark wet night, the enemy being in pursuit until we passed through Salisbury & crossed the Yadkin River, where we met with an Army of the Virginia troops, as by was told, we were then ordered to & did recrossed the River & marched back after the British, until we came to our old stand at 12 Mile Creek near the Catawba River, the British having crossed 25 miles below in South Carolina, then a detachment of our troops, was sent from headquarters & this applicant was one of the company to watch & guard at a point on the River to prevent the British from crossing over again, at which time & place this applicants time of service ended with many others, for three months and was marched back to headquarters at 12 Mile Creek & there received a written discharge from Colonel Paisley for three months & 10 days & then returned home to his father's in Surry County North Carolina, near Major Winston's residence.

The next Service there being special call for horse or mounted men, he said applicant turned out a volunteer & furnished his on horse & firearms and found equipment for him, some time in January 1781 in a Company commanded by Captain Robert Hill of Surry County North Carolina under Major Joseph Winston, and marched from said Major Winston's in said Captain Hill's Company down through Rockingham & into Caswell County North Carolina & on our way routed & defeated a parcel of Tories and then joined Colonel or General Pickens light horse troops, when I was told we were about 500 strong, and at the same time I was told that Tarleton the British commander with about 800 dragoons

lay a few miles below us towards Hillsboro, and one day a party or all of them advanced on us when we retreated a few miles & formed for battle I being previously wounded on my instep by a rough shod horse, I was commanded with others to guard some horses in the rear, when the attack commenced they immediately broke on the right wing which soon became a general disorderly retreat with the loss of two men killed; I with part of the men got into Rockingham & was left to get the inflammation cured in my foot, meanwhile the Company to which I belonged had marched & had another skirmish with the British & Tories at Whitesills [sic, Wetzel's] Mills & then returned home. In this Service I served at least two months a part of which was under Captain O'Neal after he recovered from his wound aforesaid & Captain Hill discharged him verbally after he recovered from the wound in his foot as above mentioned all of which Services amounts to five months & 10 days a foot private, two months on horse – say

5 months & 10 days foot

2 as Cavalry

7 1/3 in all

for which he claims a Pension.

This applicant states that it is out of his power to produce any evidence to prove the first two months he served as all of his acquaintances in the County of Rockingham where he resided then in the time of his youth are now dead or removed away. The other five months service he thinks he can prove by Joseph Banner¹ & Ephraim Banner² & the two months in the Cavalry by Major Robert Hill³ who gave his deposition some time before my declaration & has been latterly found [?] &c

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year first above mentioned and Open Court.

S/ John Hill

S/ John Tuttle

The Court then proceeded to propound the Interrogatories described be done, we by the War department

Question first, he answers that he was born in Fairfax County & Commonwealth of Virginia the 22nd of March 1761.

Q 2nd, he has no record except from his parents account which he believes is correct

Q 3rd & 4th he was living in Rockingham County North Carolina when called into the two first, Surry County North Carolina in the last service & first & last as a volunteer, the second was drafted, and have lived in Surry & Stokes counties ever since in the same neighborhood owing to the division of Surry he fell into the part called Stokes.

Q 5th He knew a great many more officers than he can name at present owing to the length of time that has elapsed together with the infirmities of old age, though he recollects, General Davidson, Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], that he saw in the Army besides those already mentioned in his declaration.

Q 6th he does not recollect of receiving but one written discharge that was from Colonel Paisley for three months & 10 days which is lost or mislaid, the others he thinks was verbally [discharged] by his proper officers.

7th he believes that General Joseph Winston & William Cox Esq. will testify as to his character for veracity and belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, there being no clergyman convenient.

S/ John Tuttle

[Joseph W. Winston & William Cox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1 [Joseph Banner W9716](#)

2 [Ephraim Banner W3923](#)

3 [Robert Hill S7012](#)

State of North Carolina, Stokes County

On this 12th day of February 1833 before me Charles Banner a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Major Robert Hill that his on place of residence in the County aforesaid, And made Oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with John Tuttle in time of the Revolutionary War (who is now about to make application for a Pension), he said Robert Hill saith that the said John Tuttle while he was a young man with his father removed into the neighborhood in Surry County North Carolina where this deponent was then a Captain commanding militia company in Col. Martin Armstrong's Regiment, & said Tuttle being enrolled in said Company, and on a particular occasion there was a call for mounted men to rout Tories in Rockingham & Guilford counties, in the said Tuttle turned out a volunteer with his on the horse & marched from Major Joseph Winston's under said Winston as Major this was in January, February & March 1781, we had one skirmish in the Tour at Wetzel's Mills & two others with parties of British & Tories & by some means said Tuttle was wounded & disabled in one of his legs or foot & was left in the care of his friend or acquaintance in Rockingham to have his wound cured previous to which we had joined Colonel Pickens' Regiment of cavalry. In this service I believe said total served two months at the least & was discharged by this Deponent as Captain. Sworn & subscribed this affidavit the date first above mentioned before me. He further states that said Tuttle has resided in the same neighborhood ever since.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Robert Hill

State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

Be it known that on this sixth day of June 1836 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Joseph Banner Senior an aged respectable Citizen of said County and made oath in due form of law that he is now and was well acquainted with John Tuttle who has, or is about, to make application to the War department for a Pension that he served a Tour of duty in the Militia with him or at least in the same Regiment under the command of Colonel Paisley in General Davidson's Brigade the term of some little over three months, he thinks in 1778 or 1779, he does not remember but some time in last March he sent his discharge to the War department with a declaration of said Tuttle's which will more plainly show the date of the service &c.

Sworn to & subscribed the date above written before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Joseph Banner, Senr.

On the same day first above written Ephraim Banner personally appeared before me Charles banner one of the Justices of the peace for Stokes County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law, that he knew the above mentioned John Tuttle & served in the same Regiment under Colonel Paisley towards the Catawba River at the least three months as stated above in Joseph Banner's declaration. But cannot recollect the precise year though it was in the fall of the year and he further remembers of seeing the said Tuttle start in a horse company under the command of Major Joseph Winston & Captain Robert Hill when this Deponent was unwell with a fever & could not go with them, which was some time before the Guilford Battle, that said Tuttle was gone some months & returned home a very short time before said Battle.

Sworn & subscribed as above stated before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Ephraim Banner, X his mark

[On December 11, 1843, Barbary Tuttle, 78, made application in Stokes County North Carolina for a Widow's pensions under the act of March 4, 1836 stating that she is the widow of John Tuttle, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$25 per annum; that she married him on June 16, 1783; that her husband died on September 30, 1840.]

[Bible record

John Tuttle (seignor)[sic] was born in the year 1761 March to the 22nd

Barbary Tuttle was born 1765, June 16

- 1st Thomas Tuttle their son was born in the year 1784, April the 15
- 2nd Michael Tuttle was born in the year 1786, January the 15
- 3rd Elizabeth Tuttle was born the year 1788, April the 19
- 4th Mary Tuttle was born in the year 1790, September the 22
- 5th Anna Tuttle was born in the year 1793, July of the 15
- 6th Henry Tuttle was born in the year 1795, October the 12
- 7th John Tuttle (Junior) was born in the year 1797, October the 2
- 8th William Tuttle was born in the year 1799, October the 13
- 9th Peter Tuttle was born in the year 1802, January the 15
- 10th James Tuttle was born in the year 1804, January the 17
- 11th Elijah Tuttle was born in the year 1806, January the 1
- 12th Sarah Tuttle was born in the year 1809, October the 23]

[facts in file: veteran died September 30, 1840; married Barbara Fry, daughter of Michael Fry; their daughter Anna married C. Ebert and died April 25, 1831, survived by her husband and six small children (not named); Elizabeth Butner, sister of Barbara Fry Tuttle, was 75 years old when she gave an affidavit in support of Barbara's claim for a pension in 1845 in Stokes County, NC]