

Pension Application for Phinehas Tomkins or Phineas Tompkins

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

The State of Ohio

Richland County SS.

On this 20th day of January 1834 personally appeared before me William Riddle one of the Associate Judges in and for said county Phineas Tompkins aged Eighty years who being 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated.

Declarant states that he was born in the Town of Newark in state of New Jersey on the 28th day of July 1753 at which said place he resided till he was about 16 years of age & then moved to Florida in Orange County in the State of New York was called into the service in the militia and served under Colonel Hawthorn at Minisink in 1775 or 1776 & had been in the service against the tories at Warwick mountain & declarant further states that he stood as a minute man and was called into the service every year (as he believes) during the war and often on short tours once he went to Easttown to guard the baggage wagons besides he was called some dozen or fifteen times to Minisink several of which tours he served in captain Sears' company under Major Poppons—he has also served against the Indians at Cashtlton and Mungoss & other places not perfectly recollected and one of the years he served nearly half the time and declarant further states that according to his best recollection putting all the several tours together that he served in the [fold] against the Indians that it would amount to about two years and one half declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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. (Signed) Phinehus Tomkins.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Wm. Riddle associate Judge.

Where and in what year were you born.

I was born in the Town of Newark in the State of New Jersey on the 28th day of July 1753.

2nd have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answr. My age is recorded in my family bible which is left in my desk in the State of New York.

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

Answer. I lived when called into the service in Florida in Orange County in Your State and have resided in that County ever since till till [sic] about 5 years ago then I moved to Lexington in Richland County & State of Ohio where I have since resided.

4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

Answr. I was called as a militia man & stood through the war ready at any call.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and general circumstances of your service.

Answer. The names of the militia officers (now recollected) who were with the troops where I served were Colonel Hawthorn, Major Poppons, Major Tuston, Major Wood, Captain Sears & Capt. Jones I served as is stated in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answr. I do not recollect to have received any written discharge.

State the names of person to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for truth and veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. I will name Adna Coleman, George Coleman, Asher A. Davis, Amareah Waston & Samuel Watson. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Wm Riddle associate Judge.