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Tilford, William

S. 16,553

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Indiana

William Tilford  
of ~~Leffers~~ in the State of Indiana  
who was a private in the company commanded  
by Captain Moore of the ~~1st~~ commanded  
by ~~Genl~~ Boyd in the ~~war~~  
line for 6 months

Inscribed on the Roll of Indiana  
at the rate of 20 Dollars ~~00~~ Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29 day of June  
1833 and ~~sent to~~  
Cushing Madison

Arrears to the 1st of March 40 C  
Semi-ant. allowance ending ~~Sept~~ 10 C  
50 C

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
{ Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by Dan Boyd Clerk  
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State of Indiana

County of Jefferson }  
On this 15 day of August 1832, personally  
appeared in open Court, before Joseph G. Marshall Judge of the  
Court of Probate for the County and State aforesaid, now sitting,  
William Telford a resident in the County of Jefferson and State of  
Indiana, aged 51 years, who being first 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 7. 1832 -


That he entered the service of the United States under the following  
name of officers, and served as herein stated - was drafted sometime  
in January 1781 by Capt! Andrew Moore, under Col. John Bowyer, was  
drafted for 4 months and served his time out - resided in Rockbridge  
County Virginia when he entered the service - marched to Edmunds  
Hill near the North Carolina line & marched from thence to Colonel  
Gregorys camp, of which, <sup>he thinks but is not positive</sup> Genl. Mullenburgh had the command -  
that he was drafted again in the Fall of 1781, by Capt! Gray <sup>and served two months</sup>  
forgets what Colonel recollects a Major Gaines - marched ~~there~~ two  
or three miles below Williamsburgh and remained there until  
Genl. Washington & the French army came up - was with a de-  
tachment that engaged with the British near little York, and  
took their trench -

Applicant also states that he volunteered in June 1774 with  
some forces under Col. Andrew Lewis & Capt! Samuel McDowell,  
that went out for the purpose of fighting the Indians at Chillicothe  
Ohio and was in an engagement at the mouth of the big Kenhawa

on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1774 - was six months in the service and was Sergeant of Cap<sup>t</sup> McDowell's company - that he has no documentary evidence, and does not know that there is any body living 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 -


Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid -

William Tilford. 

We Amos Chitwood a clergyman residing in Jefferson County Indiana and ~~A. S. Tubcott~~ residing in the same, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with William Tilford, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 81 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion -

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid -

~~A. S. Tubcott~~ 

A. S. Tubcott 

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states - And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that Amos Chitwood who has signed the preceding certificate, is a clergyman, resident in the County of Jefferson

and State of Indiana, and that R. C. Talbott who has also signed  
the same is a resident in the same County and State, and is a cre-  
dible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit -

Jos G. Marshall  
Judge

I, R. C. Talbott, clerk of the Court aforesaid, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court  
of the application of William Telford for a pension -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal of office this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832

R. C. Talbott Clerk

Jefferson County }  
State of Indiana } Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a  
Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, William  
Telford who being duly sworn deposes and saith, that by reason of old age  
and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the  
precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection  
he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following  
grades: For ~~two~~ six months in the year 1781, I served as a private Soldier;  
For six months in an Indian Campaign in 1794 I served as a Sergeant;  
and for such service I claim a pension -

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 23<sup>d</sup> day of

July 1833 -

John F. Allison J. Peace

William Telford

(Seal)

State of Indiana  
Jefferson County B. R. C. Mallott Clerk of the Left  
Circuit Court within and for the County and State aforesaid do  
hereby certify that John F. Allison who has taken and signed  
the within affidavit was at the time of taking thereof ever  
since hath been and now is an acting Justice of the peace within  
and for the County and State aforesaid duly commissioned and  
qualified and that to all his acts as such full faith and  
credit are and ought ought to be given.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed my seal of office this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of January 1833

A. B. Mallott Clerk

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Declaration of  
John Dickford

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William Telford  
Jefferson  
Indiana.

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**BRIEF in the case of** *William Telford*  
*of Jefferson County in the State of Indiana.*  
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

- 1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *In open Court*
- 2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
- 3. How old is he? *81 years.*

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>Drafted sometime</i> <i>In 1781 Jan'y</i>		<i>4</i>		<i>private</i>	<i>Gen. Col. John Bowyer</i> <i>Capt Andrew Stone</i>
<i>Drafted again</i> <i>in the Fall of</i> <i>1781</i>	<i>Service not stated</i>			<i>"</i>	<i>Major Gaines</i> <i>Capt Gray</i>
<i>Volunteered</i> <i>in June 1774</i>	<i>sev 4</i>	<i>6</i>		<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Col. Andrew Lewis</i> <i>Capt Saml. McDowell</i>

- 5. In what battles was he engaged? *in an engagement at the Mouth of the*  
*Big Kenhawa*
- 6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Rockbridge County, Virginia*

- 7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *traditionary evidence*
- 8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Examining Clerk.*



February 6, 1939

Mr. Frederick P. Backer  
2601 S. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, California

BA-J/AWF  
William Tilford  
S. 16553

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of William Tilford, who drew a pension while living near Kent, Jefferson County, Indiana.

The data which follow concerning William Tilford were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S. 16553, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

~~The date and place of birth of William Tilford,~~ and names of parents were not stated.

While a resident of Rockbridge County, Virginia, William Tilford volunteered sometime in June, 1774, served about six months as sergeant in Captain Samuel McDowell's company, in Colonel Andrew Lewis' Virginia regiment, was in pursuit of Indians, and was in the battle at the mouth of Big Kanawha, October 10, 1774. He enlisted sometime in January, 1781, served four months as private in Captain Andrew Moore's company, Colonel John Bowyer's Virginia regiment. He enlisted in the fall of 1781, served two months as private in Captain Gray's company, under Major Gaines, and was in an engagement during the siege of Yorktown.

He was allowed pension on his application exe-

outed August 15, 1832, at which time he was aged eighty-one years, and living in Jefferson County, Indiana.

The papers on file in this claim contain no discernible data in regard to family.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name and address of person paid, and possibly the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, this city, and furnish the following data-

William Tilford  
Certificate #13864  
Issued June 29, 1833  
Rate \$20.00 per annum  
Commenced March 4, 1831  
Act of June 7, 1832  
Indiana Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator

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File No. 16553

William Dillford  
& Sergt  
30th Regt

Act: June 7<sup>th</sup> 32

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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Rev W Shreveport Louisiana <sup>29 Stamp</sup>  
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Pension Bureau  
Washington. D. C.

Gentlemen =

In applying for  
membership in D. A. R. am  
required to give statement  
from Pension Bureau of Revolutionary  
Ancestor, Private Wm Telford,  
who enlisted with Va. State  
Troops. Wm Telford died  
in Jefferson Co. Indiana  
in 1835.

Should the name of Wm  
Telford's wife or date of marriage  
appear on your records please



include them in your  
reply.

Thanking you for prompt  
reply I am

Mrs G. L. Bline  
223 Vine St  
Shreveport, La.

# LOUISIANA SHOPE BRICK CO.



SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

July 8 1924

Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington, D.C.

Would like the Revolutionary record  
of my ancestor William Telford who  
enlisted from Rockbridge Co. Va and  
died in Jefferson Co. Ind in 1835.

Thanking you for any help  
you may give I am  
Respt.

Mrs B. F. Kleopfer  
2014 Southern Ave.,  
Shreveport  
Louisiana



*16553*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., *May 31*, 192*3*

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, for the history of *William Tildford*, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, the following is taken from the *Soldier's* claim for pension.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>June 1774</i>	<i>6 mos.</i>	<i>Lt.</i>	<i>Samuel McDowell</i>	<i>Andrew Lewis</i>	<i>Va.</i>
<i>Jan. 1781</i>	<i>4 mos.</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Andrew Moore</i>	<i>John Bowyer</i>	
<i>Fall 1781</i>	<i>2 mos.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>-</i>	

Battles engaged in: *Point Pleasant, in an engagement during Siege of Fort Mifflin*  
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Rockbridge Co., Virginia*  
 Date of application for pension, *Aug. 15, 1832. His claim was al-*  
 Residence at date of application, *Jefferson Co., Indiana*  
 Age at date of application, *81 yrs.*

Remarks: *There is no data on file relative to family.*

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

*This was total of 1774  
 Oct. 10. 1774  
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Rev. and 1812  
War Section.

AWF  
August 7, 1924.

Mrs. B. F. Kleopfer,  
2014 Southern Ave.,  
Shreveport, La.

Madam;

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 16553, it appears that William Tilford, while residing in Rockbridge County, Virginia enlisted in June 1774 and was a Sergeant in Captain Samuel McDowell's Company, Colonel Andrew Lewis' Virginia Regiment, was in the battle of Point Pleasant and served six months.

He enlisted in January 1781 and served four months as a private in Captain Andrew Moore's Company, Colonel John Bowyer's Virginia Regiment.

He enlisted in the fall of 1781 and served two months as a private in Captain Gray's Virginia Company and was in an engagement during the siege of Yorktown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 15, 1832, while a resident of Jefferson County, Indiana aged eighty one years. There is no family data on file.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.



FREDERICK P. BACKER  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
2601 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET  
LOS ANGELES

January 3rd, 1939.



Pension Bureau  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to you in the hope of obtaining information concerning William Tilford or Telford, born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in the year 1750. It is my understanding that Mr. Tilford fought in the Revolutionary War, following which he drew a government pension until he died in the year 1835. He is buried near Kent, Jefferson County, Indiana.

I am also particularly anxious to obtain any information you may have concerning his wife.

I believe that during the Revolutionary War Mr. Tilford was a resident of Virginia, and undoubtedly fought with their forces.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to furnish, I am

Very truly yours,

*Frederick P. Backer*  
FREDERICK P. BACKER

FPB:JM

**BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of *William Tilford* which require further proof or explanation.**

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? *yes*
- II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? *yes*
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?
- IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? *yes*
- V. \*Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? *no*
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? *yes*
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? *yes*
- VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? *yes*
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? *yes*
- X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? *yes & has a device*

- XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? *yes*
- XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it?
- XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had? *yes*
- XIV. †If the applicant has produced a witness or witnesses as to his service, has the magistrate who administered the oath certified that he, she, or they are persons of credibility?
- XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service?
- XVI. ‡Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct?
- XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered?

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES.

\* QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ months and \_\_\_\_\_ days, I served as a \_\_\_\_\_. For \_\_\_\_\_ months and \_\_\_\_\_ days, I served as a \_\_\_\_\_; and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which the applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable.

†QUERE XIV. *Proof of Service.*

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and, the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the affidavits must be properly authenticated, as above directed.

†QUERE XVI. *Mode of authenticating papers.*

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticated the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the end of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

# Should state precisely how long he served in 1781, the time of entering and time of leaving the service in said town.