

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Tedford R10447

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State of Tennessee } SS
Blount County }

On this 2nd day of December 1844 Mrs Mary Tedford a resident of the County and state aforesaid now in the seventy sixth year of her age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows and in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 3rd of March entitled an act granting one years pay and pension to certain widows and in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 17th 1844 continuing certain persons for four years longer pension. That she is the widow of Joseph Tedford who was a soldier in the war of the revolution whose services she will not pretend to establish by her own testimony as all the information she has is that of her husband and other verbal statements that she has no written or documentary evidence in her possession [several illegible words] behalf of her deceased husbands service but she thinks to the best of her recollection that her husband told her that he served as a volunteer and as a drafted malitiaman the number of tours she will not undertake to say as her memory serves her not one thing she is positive of that her husband told her that he was at the Siege of York until the day before Gen. Cornwallace surrendered [sic: Cornwallis, on 19 Oct 1781] but the officers under whom he served she does not recollect of him stating to her She further declares that she was married on the twentisecond of January seventeen hundred and ninety three (whilst they were forted time of the Cherokee war in which now is the County of Blount and State of Tennessee but then was a territory) by the Rev. Robert Henderson that her husband the afforesaid Joseph Tedford died on the 30th of June eighteen hundred and twenty five and that she has remained a widow ever since that period that she continues to reside in Blount County Tennessee and that she has resided in Blount County ever since she was married

She further declares that she does not know of any person now living by whom she could prove that they saw her married and that she is unable to obtain a record of the marriage as she was living in a teritorial government at that time But incloses the family record kept by her husband and that it has remained in her possession ever since his death and that she cut it out of her deceased husbands family Bible
Mary herXmark Tedford

We John and David W. Tedford certify that the inclosed family record is the identicle record kept by our father [signed] David W. Tedford John N Tedford

Evidence of Robert Tedford [pension application S3775]

I am now in the 84th year of my age my impression is that Joseph Tedford the person named in the foregoing declaration served as a volunteer but to say positively I cannot but am strongly impress that he did the captain that commanded the volunteer company was Charles Campbell [Rockbridge County VA Militia]. But I do recollect of Joseph Tedford serving as a drafted malitia man in a company commanded by my brother John Tedford [S3776] as a captain but his company was disbanded and that Joseph Tedford was then attached to a company commanded by Capt. David Gray. the reason why my brothers company was disbanded there was not a sufficiency of men to make two companies The aforesaid Joseph Tedford was at the seige of York until I think the day before Cornwallace surrendered his time for which he was drafted expired the day before the surrender was made He was drafted in Rockbridge County Virginia and marched directly on to York to the place of action I am impressed that he rendered other services but owing to want of memory I cannot say positively. I am personally acquainted with Mary Tedford and believe her to be a person in whom ful faith and credit can be given to all her statements I further state that I lived about four miles from Joseph Tedford upwards of 40 years and recollect his death and that they lived as husband and wife. I did not see them married but have good evidence to believe they were
[signed] Robert Tedford

Family Record

Joseph Tedford & Mary McNutt were Married Jany 22nd 1793.

Joseph Telford was born September 27th Ano Domini 1763.

Mary Telford was born November 22nd Ano Domini 1769.

David Telford was born November 26th Ano Domini 1793.

Jenny Telford was born January 12th Ano Domini 1795.

Agness M. Telford was born January 27th Ano Domini 1797.

Robert McNutt Telford was born February 10th Ano Domini 1799

James Kamy[?] Telford was born February 13th ano Domini 1801.

John Newton Telford was born February 17th Ano Domini 1803

[Entries below in different handwriting]

David Tedford was Born June 20th Ano Domini 1805

Ralph Erskine Tedford was born February the Second 1808