

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Tipton R10618

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[Transcriber's note: Neither the Footnote.com nor the HeritageQuest version of this file contains the application evidently filed sometime in the 1840's by Jonathan Tipton. My guess is that the papers were sent to Congressman W. Cobb in response to his request and the application was never returned to the War Department.]

House of Rep.

June 8<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir

I beg leave to enclose you the letter of Jonathan Tipton of Marshall County Alabama who was pension papers were filed in your office he states some time ago.

Mr. Tipton desires to know what action has been taken on his application. Please to inform me.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

S/ R. Chapman

J. L. Edwards, Esqr. Comm. of Pensions

House of representatives December 24, '47

J. L. Edwards, Esqr.

Com. Pen.

Sir permit me to ask that you examine for and send to me all the papers on file in your office filed in the name of Jonathan Tipton of Alabama as an applicant for a pension for services rendered in the Revolutionary service. It seems from the Letter I have received from Mr. Tipton since arriving here together with papers found in my papers of the House of Representatives that he has applied at your Department for a pension and owing to the lapse of time and his disability from blindness to get about to hunt proof he has not been able to place the matter properly before you for your action he now alleges the person by whom he once could have proved services is now dead and he has left him no other alternative than to apply to Congress for a small pittance to sustain him a few more days, weeks or years as the case may be and I desire the papers to enable me to bring forward a bill for his relief. I also want you to examine for his name and record. It seems you have examined for Mr. Chapman and owing to your construction of the Colonel's name you did not find it you examined for a Colonel Lewis it is not Lewis – he states it was a Colonel Sevier I will quote his on language in the petition before me “your applicant volunteered under Captain Tipton and served six months the Colonel was Sevier in which was then North Carolina now Tennessee your applicant was then drafted and served three months under Captain John McNabb for which services your applicant has never received any compensation.”

Please give this your attention as early as possible and communicate to me the result of your search and much oblige me as well as a poor old Blind Rebel.

I am with you Respect your Fine and obedient Servant

S/ W.R. Cobb

Pension Office

Dec. 1847

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant and in reply to state that the claim of Jonathan Tipton has not been allowed in consequence of his failure to produce satisfactory evidence of his having rendered as much as six months service.

At a very late day (August 1845) Tipton asserted a claim for an alleged service of six months in 1780 at some forts in his neighborhood under Captain Jonathan Tipton of Colonel Sevier's Regiment and for a tour of three months under Captain McNabb of Colonel Williams Regiment.

We have no [indecipherable word, word overwritten] of the North Carolina Militia, nor have I any knowledge that there were tours of six months duration in that service – It appears also from claimant's own declaration that at the date of his alleged service he was about 13 years old only. And has not a pinch of evidence has been advanced to sustain this application, the above facts are deemed sufficient to justify the department in disallowing this claim.

Tipton has been required to produce a Certificate of the Comptroller of North Carolina showing the amount of his pay in the militia served in the militia of that state and also to establish his service by comrades, which has not as yet been complied with. Such evidence must be produced before he can be allowed a pension.

[unsigned]

~~Hon. Howell Cobb, House of Rep.~~

State of Alabama, Marshall County

On this 17<sup>th</sup> July 1852 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Robert B. Elgin a resident of Marshall County who being duly sworn according to law declares and saith that he is the Administrator of the Estate of Jonathan Tipton deceased late of the County of Marshall and State of Alabama and formerly a Soldier in the War of the Revolution. That the said Jonathan Tipton in his lifetime applied for a pension on account of his said military services but died in the said County of Marshall on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1848 never having received a pension leaving eight living children to wit Minerva Elgin, Phereby Brown and Joseph Tipton of the County of Marshall State of Alabama, Orra Gilly and Levina Jones of the County of Lee State of Virginia Rebecca Rodgers and Hannah Arp of the State of Texas and Sarah Halmack of the State of Mississippi who were his only surviving children at the time of his death. He makes the declaration on the half of the said living children for the purpose of obtaining the pension due their said Father at the time of his deceased under act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 or under any other act or acts of the said Congress to the benefit of which he was entitled.

S/ Robert B. Elgin



[f p. 3: Power of attorney dated March 27, 1854 signed by Minerva Elgin in Marshall County Alabama in which she empowers her attorney to prosecute the claim of Jonathan Tipton for them out of pension due him for service in the revolution