

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Twiner R10783

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State of Mississippi } SS
Claiborne County }

On this 26th day of March 1825 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record in and for the County and State aforesaid John Twiner aged about 67 years a resident of the County and State above mentioned who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the act of the 18th of March 1818, the 1st May 1820, and the first of March 1823 — That he the said John Twiner enlisted first under Captain Crush for the term of six months about 1776 in the state of Maryland the date not exactly remembered. That after the expiration of that time he again enlisted under the same Captain for the Term of three years in the same place. After the expiration that Term He again enlisted under Captain Benson[?] for during the war in the State of South Carolina in the [illegible word] regiment commanded by Colonol [John] Gunby in the Maryland line, (as he believes) on the Continental establishment. That he continued in the service untill the end of the War. That at the end of the war he applied for and obtained a writen discharge from Col Gunby in the State of Maryland, which discharge is now lost. The exact time of discharge not remembered.

And I John Twiner solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war, passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me no have I any income nor have I said John Twiner more nor other evidence of my discharge and services which I can procure. I have no property whatsoever

John hisXmark Twiner

The State of Mississippi } Circuit Court
Claiborne County } April Term 1826

On this twenty second day of April 1826, personally appeared in open Court, to wit the Circuit Court of said County (it being a Court of Record, John Twiner, a resident in said County, aged Sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he, the said John Twiner enlisted for the Term of six months on the — day of — in the year 1775 in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain Crush of the flying Camp of Maryland Militia, that after serving the said six months he enlisted for the Term of Three years on the — day of — 1776 in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by the said Captain Crush in the Seventh Regiment commanded by Colonel Gunby in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in 1777 when he enlisted to serve during the War in the company commanded by the said Captain Crush in the said Seventh Regiment Commanded by the said Colonel Gunby in the Line of the State of Maryland on the continental establishment, and that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the War, when he was discharged from the service in Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] in the State of Maryland, that he hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever, to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State; and that the following is the reason for not making earlier application for a pension, to wit, that he did not know of the provisions of the acts of Congress until some time in 1823 and that he has made two ineffectual attempts to obtain his Pension but failed in consequence of informality in his application as he is advised and in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time, by gift

sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled, an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income of any kind whatever, nor property of any description, necessary wearing apparel and Bedding excepted. That he is a farmer but is not able to Labor in consequence of his age and bodily infirmities. that he has a Wife residing with him named Juda aged fifty six years, who is infirm & unable to Labour. That he has two children both sons with him, one about twenty years old who this deponent expects will leave him on his attaining the age of twenty one years — the other about twelve years old.

John hisXmark Twiner

State of Mississippi }
Claiborne County }

Before Nickolas McDougall Esqr Judge of Probate of said County

Be it remembered that on this Tenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of Probate in and for said County Judith Twiner a resident of Claiborne County Mississippi aged Sixty Nine years 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 7 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of John Twiner who was a private soldier in the revolutionary war; that she has no knowledge of the service of said John Twiner having married him after the termination of his last period of service at the time herein after stated but that she has often during the life time of said Twiner heard him speak and tell of his services aforesaid and that from the best of her recollections of the declaration of said John Twiner he first intered the service in Fredrick [sic: Frederick] Town Maryland some time in the year 1775 under an enlistment for six months. The second period of service was in the 7th Maryland Regiment under Col. Gunby which was for three years; one of his Captains during that period was named "Betty" [sic: probably William Beatty] & the commissary Gen'l named "Pendergrass." That the third period of service of the said John Twiner was under the same Colonel (Gunby)" and continued during the war. that she cannot state all the battles in which said John Twiner was engaged nor the country through which he marched, but she has heard him declare that he was in the battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Camdon [sic: either Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill on 25 Aug 1781], Saratoga [Battle of Freeman's Farm on 19 Sep 1777 or Battle of Bemis Heights on 7 Oct 1777], Utau [sic: Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] & other engagements, but she states that the said John Twiner was a pensioner at the time of his death and received his pension from Gabrael Tichenor at Natchez Missi and she presumes that the declaration of said John Twiner is on file in the Pension office at Washington to which she refers for greater certainty as to the services of said John Twiner.

And she further declares that she was married to the said John Twiner on the twenty sixth day of November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty nine (November 26th 1789) that her husband the said John Twiner died on the twenty fourth (24th) day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty one, at Claiborne County aforesaid, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninty four towit at the time above stated and that she has never been married since the death of said John Twiner And this applicant further says on oath that she was married at the time aforesaid by Gilbert Christy a legally authorized person in Sullivane [sic: Sullivan] County Tennessee on the Houlston [sic: Holston] River, and that from the period of said marriage to the time of the death of said John Twiner, they continued to live & cohabit together as husband and wife and that during that period they had thirteen children, that she cannot state whether any record evidence exists of the said marriage nor does she know of any person or persons now living who were present at said marriage and she does not believe that any such witnesses now exist, that she had in her possession a family bible which contained a record of the ages marriages, births and other particulars of said John Twiner and this declarant

in wich was recorded in the handwriting of S. Peck her uncle the date of the marriage of said John Twiner and this applicant which said record was made some time in the year [blank] or thereabouts, that said family record was accidentally destroyed by falling into a pot of pot liquor which so defaced & destroyed the same that it was thrown away and has become lost & destroyed so that it is not in the power of this declarant to forward the same to the War department with this declaration
Judith herXmark Twiner

NOTE: In the file is a document under the following heading: "The State of Louisiana/Parish of Bossier} A true record of the mariage of John Twiner & Judith Peck and of the births of their children."