

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Tipton¹ R18512

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 11th day of December 1784 in the name of Abram Tipton as Capt. Inf. And evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £145.3.3 delivered to Moses Hunter but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated there is however, on file in this office, a muster roll of late Captain Ab^m Tipton's Company of the Western Battalion, commanded by Colonel Joseph Crockett in the Virginia State service, which shows that the said Captain was commissioned on the 8th of November 1779 and was killed on the 2nd September 1781.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
11th day of August 1853

S/ Geo. W. Clutter
Acting Auditor

[No Seal of Office]

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State of Illinois Tazewell County Sct. The people of the State of Illinois, state, to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye, that whereas it has been satisfactory proven before the undersigned, Probate Justice of the peace – that one Abraham Tipton a Captain in the State line of Virginia and of the "Illinois Brigade – under General George Rogers Clark, and Colonel Joseph Crockett – in the war of the revolution was killed by an ambush a of Indians on Beargrass Creek near Louisville, Kentucky, together with Captain John Chapman on (it is said) the 2nd day of September – Anno Domini – 1781"; that he was killed a single man, leaving no legal issue and died (as far as known to the heirs) intestate; and whereas the said late Abraham Captain was at the time of his death for his services (and death in the same) to these State of Virginia, and the United States – was entitled to some certain sum or sums of money – (the amount not [indecipherable word] ascertained) payable to his heirs from the law of Congress of 5th July 1832 – and the previous laws of the State of Virginia of 1782 & 1784 Now therefore that the said pension coming to his heirs through him from the United States, may be collected, and preserve for those who shall appear to have a legal right, or interest therein – We do hereby appoint John

¹ Va. Half Pay

Boyle of the aforesaid County of Tazewell, and State of Illinois Administrator of all, and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said Abraham Tipton, at the time of his deceased with full power and authority to collect the same at the Treasury Department, Washington City DC or wheresoever the same may be found and in general to do and performed all the acts which now are or hereafter may be required of him.

Witness Palmer Holmes Probate Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Tazewell, and State of Illinois –

Given under my hand and seal at Tremont this first day of September A.D. 1847

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S/ Palmer Holmes, Probate Justice of the Peace

[f p 2: On August 8, 1847 in Tazewell County Illinois, John Boyle gave testimony that sometime in the month of May 1846 the wife of Isaac Dunlap wrote to him as agent for pensions declaring that her maiden name was Tipton and her father was the brother of the late Captain Abraham Tipton a state line of Virginia officer in the war of the revolution; that her uncle Captain Abraham Tipton was killed in an ambush aid of Indians near Louisville on the second day of September 1781; that she had a brother Samuel Tipton and other brothers and sisters of the Tipton name in Carter County the most remote one in Tennessee – nephews and nieces of the said Captain Abraham Tipton and other heirs scattered about at a place called Mud Cove or Cave "old way very remotely towards New Orleans" of whom she has heard nothing in recent years; that Mrs. Dunlap, alias Tipton, lives in Sangamon County Illinois and refuses to become the administrator of the estate of her uncle; that likewise the affiant has received application from a young man named Boyd whose mother also lives in same wing County and was prior to her marriage named Tipton and a niece of said Captain Abraham Tipton and his mother is a sister to Mrs. Dunlap. On the same day and at the same place James Washington Chapman of Logan County Illinois gave testimony that he visited Mrs. Isaac Dunlap who had recently returned from a visit with her brother Samuel Tipton; that neither she nor any of the other heirs were willing to take on being the administrator of the estate of Abraham Tipton and had requested Mr. Boyle to take on that task; that Mrs. Dunlap also states that her eldest son, young Isaac Dunlap had sent a message to this deponent by deponent's brother-in-law, John Chapman of Wolff Creek, Sangamon County saying that Mrs. Dunlap was unwilling to act as administrator.]

[f p. 13: There is a letter dated October 19, 1853 from Daniel M. Ray to the Commissioner of pensions in which it is stated that the veteran had an illegitimate son (described as now being an old man) and inquiring as to the illegitimate son's claim to any half pay benefits that might have been due his father. The alleged illegitimate child is not named.

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Addendum to Abraham Tipton R18512

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 31 March 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I do hereby certify that Abraham Tipton was a Captain in Crockett's Regiment, and was killed while in actual service some time in the year 1781. Given under my hand this 18th of May 1789.

James Wood lat B.G.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wood lat B.G." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.