

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Titus Jennings Turner R20187

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[Note: The handwriting of the scribe is very challenging. Use this transcript with great care. I think the documents are in the personal handwriting of the applicant since the attestations and acknowledgments by the officials are much easier to read than the text. Also, the signature of the applicant looks like it was made by the same hand as the body of the application.]

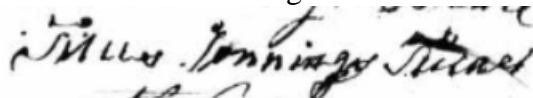
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State of North Carolina, Wake County.

This day came [sic] in person before me Henry Brown, JP a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Titus Jennings Turner who being by me duly sworn sayeth on his oath for the purpose of obtaining the Benefits of the act entitled an act for the Relief of Certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on 15th of May 1828 do hereby declare that I enlisted in the army of the Revolution in Captain William Ward's Company in the fifth Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line and that I was Sworn to obey the orders of my Superior Officers and to Serve until Discharged by the orders of the Continental Congress and I enlisted in the month of May in the year 1776 and Continued to Serve as a private or Common Soldier for about Twelve months when I was Discharged and obliged by Sickness to [leave] the Service and having been long Disabled and was a private Soldier in the militia military service in the year 1778 and 1779 in and to the States of South Carolina and Georgia and was in the militia service in the year 1780 and in the year 1781 was in the militia service and Served in the militia in equal rotation with others and Served as much longer in the militia as Several tours or about six months more than in equal rotation with others and that in early in the fall of the year 1781 I was a Soldier belonging to a Regiment of Regular Soldiers doing duty as Continental Troops Commanded by Bennit Crafton [Bennett Crafton] and Joel Lewis Mayors and was marched to the aid of the State of South Carolina and Continued to Serve as a private of said last mentioned Regiment until the first day of March in the year 1783 when I was Discharged and that I obtained a military land warrant for Six hundred and forty acres of land for my Service in the Revolutionary Army it being as much quantity of land as was allowed by the State of North Carolina to any private Soldier.

Test: S/ Henry Brown, JP

S/ Titus Jennings Turner



October 6th 1828

[James Stinson and Corbel Woodward gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[WG NOTE: The following, which is a letter from the applicant to Richard Rush, then US Secretary of the Treasury, is offered in its very incomplete and flawed form in the hope that this poor attempt at

transcription might aid the efforts of those who might undertake to make a more accurate transcription in the future. It is offered for what it is worth.]

To the honorable Richard Rush Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America Sir as my name is not inserted in the muster Roll of the North Carolina Continental line of the Revolutionary Army though I was one of the first that was enlisted in that Army Some incident or event unknown to me have caused the said omission such like casualties being but too often unavoidable and by an act of the legislature of the State of North Carolina passed at a Session begun at Fayetteville on the Second day of November 1789 Chapter the Sixth it said that whole Regiments of privates who served in the Continental line of the State are not to be found on the musters nor nay offices of the United States and having loss all my Discharges I have no other means nor ways to register or make known by military services best by the evidence of men that served with me or was acquainted with me in the Revolution and there being not an officer as know of living or if living I know not where they are and having not known nor heard of the Resolve of Congress allowing me money alluded in the act of the 15th of May 1828 to Soldiers for the said Resolve was not known of by but few or by any where I was at the close of the Revolution and it but a few years ago that I have known of said Resolve and the officers Dead or if living where I know not nor do I yet know so that it was incomprehensible and impractable [sic] to me to obtain a Certificate of my being entitled to that money and Sir as the manner of my enlistment was without specifying any period of time it seems a sensible [indecipherable word] to be equal to and Synomious [sic, synonymous] with the [indecipherable word] for and during the War for patriotism in the army and in Congress was prevalent to have continued Such men in the public defense especially as disciplined Soldier as Veterans was much needed as caused that excellent general george [sic] Washington to apply for the men to be enlisted for a longer time than others had been and the most [several indecipherable words] was the beginning and the Cause and Subject matter for a gift or gratuity of uncertain things the election seems to belong to him for whose benefit it was made and Sir Sickness or affliction as an acceptable cause of my leaving first the Regular Army. I presume not to proscribe nor to dictate to you but with all due deference of my own skill and deference to your capacity and to alleviate my necessity. Reposing confidence in your ability and integrity corroborative of the [two indecipherable words] I have heard of you I shall acquiesce in your consideration of the validity of my Claim if my Claim be admitted and the money from the third of March to the third of September be not sent it will be most convenient to me to get it at the Branch of the United States Bank at the town of Fayetteville.

I Subscribe myself your Real and Sincere
friend and one [who] wishes you ultimate Success
S/ Titus Jennings Turner

The Honble

Richard Rush

I have I have no witness of this last Sickness and present it only as a [indecipherable word] informal To the honorable Richard Rush
Sir exigency is such as to require that my [balance of the post script is largely illegible] Sent back to the post office in Raleigh as Soon as you have considered my Claim.

S/ Titus Jennings Turner

Titus Jennings Turner Declareth on oath that he was not on the pension list of the United States on the fifteenth day of May in the year of one thousand eight hundred and Twenty eight.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 6th day of October 1828

Test: S/ Henry Brown, JP

S/ Titus Jennings Turner

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

This day came Jesse Ausley¹ Personally before me Stephen Senter one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for said County who being duly sworn sayeth on his oath that he is the said Ausley served as a soldier in the Regiment of regular soldiers of the State of North Carolina which Regiment was commanded by Majors Joel Lewis & Bennett Crafton and doing military service as Continental troops in the time of the Revolutionary war of the United States of America and that Titus Jennings Turner served also in the same above said Regiment as a soldier and that while the said Ausley and the said Turner was serving in the said Regiment in the year of 1782 the same Regiment was marched into and in aid of the State of South Carolina and did perform military service in South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of August 1828.

Witness:

S/ S. Senter, JP

S/ Jesse Ausley, X his mark

[p 14 is another page which is almost totally illegible. What I think I can make out of it is that it is dated July 14, 1828, that it is an affidavit given by William Talton [sic, William Tarlton]² in which he says he served with Turner in the Regulars under Col. Edward Buncombe in the years 1776 and 1777; that they served together for nine months and longer; that the regiment marched off leaving Turner sick in the hospital.]

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No. 1220 Titus Jennings Turner a private

640 Acres—Warrant issued 1st July

1825 drawn by himself.

The above is a true statement

Given under my hand this 16th October 1828.

S/ Wm Hill, Secy. [NC Secretary of State]

1 [Jesse Ausley W27520](#)

2 [William Tarlton S7693](#)