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Pension Application of James Turner S1881

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State of Tennessee }
Williamson County } SS.

On this 24th day of August 1832 before the Hon. Thomas Stuart Judge of the fourth judicial circuit for the State of Tennessee aforesaid now sitting James Turner a resident of the County of Williamson and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of an act passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States about April 1776 as a volunteer under the following officers – Captain George Samuel (rest of company officers not recollected) commanded by Col. William Moore and attached to the Brigade commanded by General [John] Butler and marched over the following Country. from Caswell Court House [NC] he marched to Hillsboro [Hillsborough] North Carolina to Cross creek [now Fayetteville] and to a small [undeciphered word] named Camden N. C. and was there discharged about two months after he entered the service say in June following. was in no engagements or battles nor received any discharge. Entered the service a second time as a substitute for a person whose name he has forgotten about July 1776 under Captain Falker [sic: probably John Faulkner] commanded by Col William Moore attached to General Butlers Brigade he marched towards Holston River to attack the Indians but heard that they were defeated and returned home and was discharged in September same year received a discharge but destroyed it believing it to be of no value.

Entered the service a third time on the 29 day of May 1780 as a drafted militia man under the following officers Captain Robert Parks Lieutenant George Oldham and Ensign John Oldham commanded by Col Stephen Moore Majr. Belfield attached to General Butlers Brigade marched from Caswell Courthouse N.C. to Hillsborough – to Chauraw Hills [sic: Cheraw Hills in SC]. to Rugeley's Mills and marched again for Camden South Carolina and met the British army commanded by Lord Cornwallis at which time he was defeated together with General [Horatio] Gates army [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] & returned home and immediately returned to the army again and was marched to Salisbury in North Carolina and there discharged some time in December 1780 was only in the battle of Gates defeat received no discharge he recollects that he served with and under the following officers at Gates defeat General Gates Col. Richardson [Holt Richeson] of Virginia Regulars Col. Dickson [sic: Henry Dixon] and Major Sharp [sic: Joseph Sharpe].

Entered the service a fourth time some time in the year 1781. as a volunteer under Col William Moore and served about one month during which time he was at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] – the other particulars relative to this campaign he does not recollect. he received no discharge.

Entered the service a fifth time as a volunteer in the fall of the year 1781 under Captain John Douglass [John Douglas] – commanded by Col William Oneal [William O'Neal] to Harrass and keep down the Tories and was absent about two months during which time he was in no engagements except that with Col. Fannen [sic: David Fanning] of the Tories which as well as he now recollects was during this campaign. He received no discharge for any of the above services except one two months tour which he disposed of as aforesaid

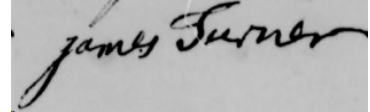
He further states that he knows of no person who can prove his services except Thomas Miles [pension application W8457] who served with him the term commencing on the 29th day of May 1780 but in a different Regiment and was an Ensign under whose command he fell after the defeat of Gates owing to there being many small companies and under whom he served a short time and was discharged at Salisbury aforesaid

He was born on the 9th day of October 1756 in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia. when he entered the service of the United States at the several times above specified he resided in the County

of Caswell in North Carolina.

After the revolution he lived in the aforesaid County of Caswell until the year one thousand eight hundred and eight at which time he moved to Tennessee and has resided in Williamson County aforesaid

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Turner".