

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tipton S295

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State of Tennessee Knox County: Be it remembered that on this 14th day of February 1823, before me Matthew McClung a Justice of the Peace for the County of Knox and State aforesaid personally appeared William Tipton and made oath that he is the identical William Tipton named in two letters from the War Department the originals of which are now in his possession, in the following words and figures to wit.

"Department of War Washington

February 4th 1817

Sir,

It appears that Wm Tipton was placed on the Virginia Roll as an invalid pensioner of the United States at five dollars per month to commence on the first of January 1803 and increased to eight dollars per month by the Act of the 24th of April 1814. The papers authorizing him to be placed on the pension list were destroyed by the Enemy in 1814.

I have the honor to be

with very special respect

Your Obedient Serve

George Graham

The Honorable

John Williams, Senate Chamber"

"Department of War Pension Office

May 9th 1817

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo addressed to the acting Secretary of this Department, you are informed that an application in writing of Edward White Esquire of Knoxville Tennessee, dated the 17th of March last, William Tipton, was authorized to be transferred on the 5th April, from the roll of Virginia, to that of Tennessee Agency to take effect from and after the 4th day of March 1817 of which the agents for paying in the league pensioners in both of these states, are duly apprised.

I have the honor to be

your most obedient Servant

William Lambert

The Honorable

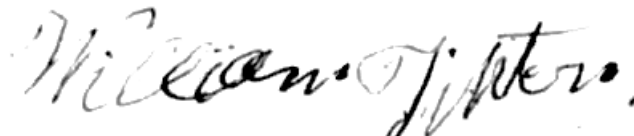
William G Blount

Knoxville, Tennessee"

That he has been advised that the agent in East Tennessee has been instructed not to pay any Pensioner unless he produced either an original Certificate of pension, or a Duplicate thereof from the War Department. That this deponent never had any certificate – That if one was issued it never came to his hands – That he has uniformly drawn his pension from the agents in Tennessee, by virtue of the before mentioned letters – that he has now [no] knowledge – where his certificate of pension is – if one was ever issued – that during the time he lived in Virginia, he received his pay by the hands of his father who was a minister of the Legislature of that state.

Sworn to and subscribed the date before mentioned before me
S/ Math McClung, JP

S/ William Tipton



State of Tennessee Knox County: On this 9th day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting, William Tipton a citizen of Blount County Tennessee, aged 73 years of age, who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 – That he was born in Shenandoah County Virginia on the 13th day of February 1761 where he lived about 23 years, when he moved to Greene County Tennessee where he lived two or three years, when he moved to Knox County Tennessee where he lived about 25 years when he moved to Blount County Tennessee where he has lived ever since and now lives. He states that in the latter part of the winter or early in the spring of 1778 he enlisted in the County of Shenandoah Virginia into the Army of the United States into a company commanded by Captain Wales Roacher¹ [?], which company was attached to a Regiment afterwards commanded by Colonel Richard Parker, which was then called the first Virginia Regiment, upon further recollection applicant states that he enlisted into a company commanded by Captain Wales and marched from Shenandoah to Petersburg Virginia where Captain Alexander Parker took command of his company, Captain Wales having been promoted to a Majority, and here he joined the Regiment of Colonel Parker. From Petersburg applicant marched to Augusta Georgia, after having laid some months at the former place at Augusta and in the neighborhood below we continued in service for about or perhaps more than one year when in the fall of 1779 he marched to Savannah Georgia and his Regiment was attached to the Brigade commanded by General Huger – and all under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] made an attack upon the British Fort at Savannah and were repulsed on the ninth of October 1779 – applicant states that in this attack he received three wounds, one by a ball through the right shoulder, one through the right hip and one which broke two of his left ribs, in consequence of which wounds he was so much disabled that he was ever afterwards unfit for duty – after receiving his wounds he was taken around by water to Charleston where he remained in the hospital until a short time before Christmas when he went with three wagons to Augusta where his Regiment was stationed. At Augusta applicant remained with his Regiment until sometime in February when his Regiment was ordered to Charleston and he being totally disabled by the wounds which he had received was discharged by his Colonel Parker and



returned to Shenandoah County here he states that he enlisted for two years but in consequence of his wounds he could not do service and was discharged a short time before the two years had entirely expired. He states that according to his present impressions he was in actual service twenty-three months for which he claims a pension, and if the time of disability his disability entitle him to his full period of enlistment, two entire years, for which he claims a pension he states that he got a discharge which was signed by Colonel Parker – that he sent it to Richmond in 1781 or 1782 when he first applied for a pension – he states that he has never since seen his discharge – that he was then placed on the Invalid pension roll of the United States and is now on the roll of Invalid pensioner's for East Tennessee – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and the invalid pension which he now receives, and which he is informed he is not required to relinquish, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state except on the Invalid pension roll of the Agency of East Tennessee – he states that he has a record of his age in an old family Bible, now at home – and he states as a reason for his making application in Knox County instead of Blount – that he lives near the County line about equidistant from the County towns and can with more convenience attend, as it may be necessary, at Knoxville than at the siege of Justice in Blount County.

Sworn to and subscribed this ninth day of July 1834

S/ George M White, Clerk

S/ Wm Tipton

[Note: surprisingly, the Virginia State Library has no documents relating to this veteran posted on its website. I thought that since he states he sent his discharge to Virginia in 1781 or 1782, he had applied for an invalid's pension from the state, but evidently he did not.]

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Addendum to William Tipton S295

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Tennessee }

Knox County }

This 29th day of October 1817 personally appeared before me James Park an acting Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid William Tipton who maketh oath that he is the same William Tipton who enlisted during the revolutionary war in the County of Shennadoah and State of Virginia in the Company of Captain Wales which was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Richard Parker – that he enlisted for the period of eighteen months and served faithfully until discharged by the said Colonel Richard Parker in consequence of disability produced by wounds received on the 9th day of October in the year 1779 at Savannah in the State of Georgia – that he is now a pensioner of the United States in consequence of the wounds then received – that he was promised by the officers who enlisted him and believes by the Law of the State of Virginia he was entitled to one hundred acres of land as a bounty for said enlistment and that he never has received title to the land nor has he ever transfered his right [part missing from bottom of page]