

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Turley S31044

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State of Illinois Sangamon County: SS

On this eighteenth day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel D Lockwood Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, now sitting James Turley aged 71 a resident of the County and State aforesaid who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

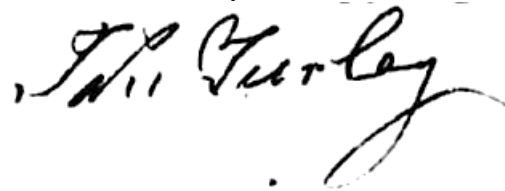
I was born the year 1761/ at my residence in this County I have a record of my [birth] copied from my Father's family Bible. I served during the revolution three different tours, and was drafted each time. The first time I entered the service I was a resident of Fairfax County Virginia and the second and third times a resident of Henry County Virginia I moved to Henry County in 1778 and resided there fourteen years, I moved thence to South Carolina where I resided four years, thence to Montgomery County Kentucky and lived twenty years then to Union and lived five years and thence to this County in which I have resided thirteen years. I knew very few of the Regular Officers. I knew old General Scott who was afterwards Governor of Kentucky and was told by him in Kentucky that he recollected seeing me in the service [one or more indecipherable words]. The first and second times I was in the service I was drafted in each instance for three months though it was [word marked through and illegible] I actually served considerably longer. The third time but four weeks. The first time I was drafted I was attached to the Company of Captain Thomas Pollard of Fairfax County Virginia we marched to Lancaster Virginia and here I was transferred to the Company of Captain John Seal of the same County. I cannot at this time recollect how we were organized but it appears to me that one Regiment was commanded by Colonel Rumly or Rumoney. The prisoners taken at General Burgoyne's Surrender were then at Lancaster. From Lancaster we marched to York; and from thence to Germantown and I was in the action fought at that place [October 4, 1777]. When we arrived at the battleground the action had commenced and we were halted in the rear for a reserve we were about fourteen miles distant when we first heard the firing of the Artillery. Generals Washington, Stephens and Scott are the only General Officers of whom I have any recollection. This was in the fall of 1777 and I was but sixteen years of age, 55 years have since elapsed and my memory is considerably impaired. The night after the battle we marched about ten miles. We were then marched to Pigeon Hill and here about the first December 1777 we were mustered out of the service. I was drafted in the latter part of August. The second time I was drafted I was attached to the company of Captain Hill of Henry County Virginia: This was in the latter part of the spring or early in the summer of 1781. We were marched to the Mobbin

Hills [Malvern Hills] near little York Virginia, and were attached to Colonel Richardson's Regiment. Here we made until our tour of three months expired. Captain Cright [?, perhaps, Capt. Henry Critz] commanded a company in this Regiment likewise. Immediately after this I was drafted the third time and was attached to the Company of Captain Torrence the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Lyon [perhaps, Lt. Col. James Lyon]. From Henry County we were marched to Williams Mill on the Yadkin [River] [indecipherable word] in North Carolina or Virginia it was near the line. We were a part of the force called out to oppose Cornwallis who was then in full march through North Carolina. We were disbanded however without effecting anything. Our Majors were Houston [?] and Horten [?]. A Captain Peter Hosten [?, probably Peter Hairston] also commanded a company in this Regiment. I believe that in all I have served about eight months during the Revolutionary war. I never received any compensation only one discharge. This was for the first Tour. I have since lost it. I have no documentary evidence of my service nor do I know of any person who can testify to my service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of September 1832

S/ Jas Turley

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jas Turley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jas Turley".

[John Morris, a clergyman, and Archer G. Herndon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died June 4, 1836; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 1/3 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]