

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Turner S38446

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Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County the first day of June 1818

William Turner aged 63 years last February a resident of the County of Albemarle personally appeared in Court and being first duly sworn according to law on oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War" That he the said William Turner enlisted in the spring of the year 1776 in the State of \_\_ in the Company commanded by Captain Francis Taylor of the second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_ Spotswood [Alexander Spotswood] for the term of two years on the second day of December 1777 he reenlisted for the term of three years in the Company commanded by Captain Francis Taylor, that he served two years thereafter, and procured a Substitute for the third year, when he was honorably discharged (which discharge he has lost) in the state of \_\_, that he was in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] and the taking of Stony Point Fort [July 16, 1779], by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]: that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service, that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Whereupon It is ordered by the Court that it be certified to the Honorable Secretary of The war Department, that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said William Turner did serve as stated in the preceding declaration against the Common Enemy, in the revolutionary War on the Continental establishment as herein stated in the above declaration, that he is in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that the testimony and proceedings herewith taken and had be transmitted to the said Secretary of the War Department.

In testimony whereof &c Alexander Garrett Clerk of the County Court of Albemarle have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of my office this fourth day of June 1818 now in the 42nd year of the Commonwealth

S/ Alex Garrett, CAC

Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County the third day of July 1820

Albemarle County SS Virginia

On this 3rd day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County, William Turner aged sixty-four years since last February, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit, in the year 1776 he enlisted under

Captain Francis Taylor of the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Spotswood of General Weeden [George Weedon] Brigade in which he served two years, at the expiration of which time he entered and served in the 7th Virginia Regiment under Captain Bumley [possibly Capt. Garland Burnley] one-year at the end of which he volunteered under Captain Booker [Capt. Samuel Booker] of General Wayne's Regiment and served therein one-year and got his discharge, after which he served several tours in the Militia before the war ended, he was in the Battle of German town, and at the taking Stony point by General Wayne; date of his original declaration 1st day of June 1818 the number of his pension Certificate 6926. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to it between 340 and 350 acres of land, the land very mountainous and rocky [rocky], one horse beast seven years old, one stray mare (taken up by me) about six years old, four head of cattle, four head of sheep, 16 or 17 head hogs, two shovel plows, two coalters [?], three hilling hoes, two grubbing hoes, one old drawing knife, one old chisel, three pole axes, one small hand axe, one third part of one cross cut saw, two old wooden chests, seven old chairs, one small table, one cupboard, one set of knives and forks, three earthen dishes, six earthen plates, one earthen bowl, two earthen pitchers, one tumbler, one pewter basin, one tin pan, two butter pots, two jugs, one iron pot, one old living loom, two weavers stays and harness for the loom, one Tin shugar [sugar] box, on Tea kettle, on old brass skillet, one cream bowl and some cups and saucers: By occupation a planter, much afflicted by reason of one of his blood vessels bursting, and a general ability rendering him unable to procure his living by his own labor his wife aged about 57 years, a good deal of afflicted so much so as to render her unable at times to attend to business; his oldest son now living with him Alexander aged about 20 years, Samuel aged 18 next Christmas and one small girl down to him out five years old.

S/ William Turner

Sworn to and declared on the third July 1820 before the said court Sitting  
S/ Alex Garrett, Clerk

State of Kentucky County of Madison: Sct.

On this 6th day of June 1834, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Madison personally appeared William Turner, who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Francis Taylor, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood, in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Virginia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Kentucky, where he intends to remain (unless he should remove to the State of Tennessee, where he has several children now living) and wishes his pension to be payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Virginia to the State of Kentucky, Madison County to wit: the remainder of his children were removing to the State of Kentucky and he is old and infirm and was unwilling to remain behind, and therefore accompanied his children to his present residence, where he lost his horse, and he became sick, in consequence of which he took up his residence with his son-in-law Pleasant

Martin, who now resides in Madison County, Kentucky. He designs visiting his children living in the State of Tennessee, as soon as his health will permit, and he is enabled to do so by receiving his pension money and provided he is better or more pleased with that part of the country that his present residence, he may and probably will conclude to take up his permanent residence in that State.

S/ Wm Turner

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping tail on the "n".

Sworn and subscribed before me, the day and year aforesaid  
S/ Joseph Turner, JP M. C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing June 1, 1818 for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Note: this file contains two other applications dated in 1824 and 1826, both containing different schedules of property (declining in value) but giving not additional details of the veteran's services except confirming he served under Capt. Samuel Booker. There is a great deal of material in this file dealing with the debts and judgments against the veteran as he struggled to qualify under the 1820 as an indigent veteran of the Continental army.]