

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jonathan Tipton W1098<sup>1</sup>

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State of Tennessee, Overton County: October Session of the County Court 1832

On this 29th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of record, before the worshipful Patrick Pool, Dempsey Moore & John Mougald, Esquires, Justices duly commissioned to hold said Court in and for the County of Overton in the State of Tennessee, Major Jonathan Tipton, a resident Citizen of the County of Overton and State of Tennessee, aged Eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to laws of the land, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

He entered the service of the United States as a 1st Magr [Major] as a volunteer under the following named officers and served as such, he states that as he now recollects, that in February 1777 he was commissioned 1st Magr [Major] in Washington County, then the State of North Carolina now Tennessee, the place of his then residence. He took the command of the Companies commanded by Capt. Gibson and Capt. Trimble. He was placed under the command of Col. Carter, that he was engaged in guarding the frontiers of North Carolina, that Colonel Carter was shortly thereafter promoted to the command of General. That he continued under the command of General Carter until the year 1780. He commanded an expedition against the Indians, and had a battle at the mouth of the Flat Creek on Chucky River [*sic, Nolichucky River*], killed three Indians & wounded many others. Took from the Indians forty-two horses, he still continued scouting upon the frontiers and skirmishing with small parties of the Indians. He was then placed under the command of General Campbell [*sic, Col. William Campbell*] and marched to King's Mountain, and was in that battle, he thinks it was fought in the fall of 1780. General Campbell commanded at that battle. General Isaac Shelby, General John Sevier, General Cleveland [*sic, Benjamin Cleveland*] were also in command at that battle with all of whom he was acquainted [*Shelby, Sevier, & Cleveland were actually Colonels during the Revolutionary War*]. He was then placed under the command of General Sevier and marched to the head of Boyd's Creek, where the army met a large body of Indians with whom an engagement took place, killed twenty-seven Indians and wounded a great number, kept the ground four days, at which time General Campbell [*sic, Col. Arthur Campbell*] came up with a reinforcement. He was wounded in that battle in the left arm. He marched against the Indian Towns and when we got to Chota Town, burnt that town. He was sent with a detachment of three hundred men to Tellapa Town and on his march, met with a party of Indians, killed seventeen and took some prisoners, could not cross the River at Tellapa but turned down the River and went to Chilhowee and burnt the Town and took thirty-seven prisoners, he then returned back to main body of the Army at Chota. He then marched to the aid of General Green [*sic, Nathanael Greene*] in South Carolina under General Sevier. We joined General Green's Army at Santee River and remained there until the capture of Cornwallis in September 1781. He was acquainted with General Green, General Marion, General Mayham, General Sumpter [*sic Thomas Sumter*], General Lee [*Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee*], Colonel Morgan [*Daniel Morgan*] and Colonel Valentine Sevier. He was there discharged in the latter part of September 1781, his discharge was signed by Generals Green & Marion having continued to serve in the army of the United States as Major from the time he first entered until he was discharged. His discharge, with various other papers were stolen from him about ten years ago. That he has no documentary evidence of his service. That

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt36523-160-55

he can prove substantially his services as herein stated by Abraham Sevier<sup>2</sup> and Smith Ferrell<sup>3</sup> [*almost illegible in original*]. 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.

Where and in what year were you born?

In Frederick County in Virginia in the year 1750.

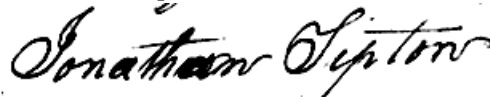
Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? There is a record of my age at my son's in Bunkum [*sic, Buncombe*] County N. Carolina in my father's old Bible. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live? I lived in Washington County, then North Carolina, where I continued to seventeen years after the war, I then moved into Bunkum County N. Carolina and lived there about twenty seven years. I then moved to Overton County where I have lived ever since. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer? Were you a substitute? And if a substitute? For whom? I was a volunteer as before stated.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served? Such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. For answer I refer to the Statement made in the foregoing declaration. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? For answer I refer to my Statements in the foregoing declaration. Did you ever receive a commission, and if so by whom was it signed? I was commissioned a Major, it was signed by Richard Caswell, & it was, with other papers and money, stolen from me at Babb's in Green County Tennessee. State the names of persons to whom you are known in present neighborhood? And who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior, your services as a soldier of the revolution? Smith Ferrell, Abraham Sevier, Stephen Lowell, Jacob Linton Esquire attorney-at-law, Joseph Griffin.

Sworn to and subscribed  
in open Court the 29th day  
of October 1832

*S/ William Gore, Clerk*

*S/Jonathan Tipton*



We Smith Ferrell and Abraham Sevier residing in the County of Overton State of Tennessee hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Maj. Jonathan Tipton and have been for upward of sixty years who has subscribed and sworn to this above declaration. That we believe him to be eighty two years of age. That we know him to have served more than two years as a Major in the Revolutionary War the said Sevier states that he served under him as a soldier for at least three years and the said Smith Ferrell states that he served under Major Tipton for near two years and states positively that he served his Country in the Revolutionary War faithfully.

Sworn of us in open Court the  
29<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832  
*S/William Gore, Clerk*

His  
Smith X Ferrell  
Mark

*S/Abraham Sevier*

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<sup>2</sup> [Abraham Sevier S1589](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Smith Ferrill \(Ferrell\) S1513](#)

*Amber Belle*

Additional materials from W1098 transcribed by Will Graves

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Irvine Estill County Kentucky 2nd September 1834

Sir

We are informed that our Father Jonathan Tipton late of Cumberland County was entitled to a Pension as a revolutionary Soldier and that since his death a woman that named Vina Stevens who called herself his wife and that she was legally married to him 18 years ago – has drawn the money or the greater part of it – this woman was not the wife of Jonathan Tipton neither was she ever married to him, and died without any wife and had none for some years before his death and that only legal heirs he had lived in this County, all these facts can be authenticated beyond out – please let us here from you.

Yrs with Respet

Samuel Tipton

John Tipton

*Samuel Tipton*  
*John Tipton*

[f p. 15: On June 6, 1853 in White County Tennessee, Levina Tipton, 67, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Major Jonathan Tipton, an officer and pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$300 per annum; that she was married to him on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1810 or 1811 at the house of Major Jonathan Tipton in Buncombe County North Carolina by Colonel James Poteet an acting Justice of the Peace for said County; that her name prior to her marriage was Levina Stephens; that her husband died in Cumberland County Kentucky January 18, 1833 as well as she recollects; that she can prove the marriage by the testimony of William Stephens and Esau Tipton, I witnesses to the ceremony. She signed her application with her mark. William Stephens, about 46, and Esau Tipton about 54, gave a supporting affidavit.

*William Stephens*  
*Esau Tipton*  
*mark*

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William Stephens  
Esau Tipton  
Mark

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[f p. 13: On September 8, 1855 in White County Tennessee, Lavina Tipton aged sixty-seven filed for a widow's entitlement for bounty land as the widow of Major Jonathan Tipton, a revolutionary war pensioner; she identifies herself as the identical Lavina Tipton who is pensioned under Certificate No. 1670 issued September 1 1853; she states that she married Jonathan Tipton in May on the 6th or 7th day, 1813; that they were married by one James Poteet in North Carolina, Buncombe County and that her name prior to her marriage was Lavina Stephens; that her husband died January 19th, 1833 in Cumberland County Kentucky; that her husband never received any bounty land for his services in the revolution. She signed her application with her mark. Her application was supported by an affidavit given by Esau Tipton and William Stephens, residents of White County Tennessee.

Wm. Stephens  
Esau Tipton

[Facts in file: The widow moved in the fall of 1860 2 Reynolds County Missouri, to live with her son, William Stephens who was then about 50 years old; the veteran had been previously married although the file does not indicate the name of his 1st wife.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$300 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Major in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]