

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Sevier W6011

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The State of Tennessee, Davidson County

This day personally appeared before the undersigned Charles M. Moorman the Affiant George W. Sevier who on oath States that his mother Catherine Sevier wife of General John Sevier (formerly Governor of Tennessee) died on the 2nd day of October A.D. 1836 aged about Eighty that She never married after the death of her husband General John Sevier who departed this life the 24th day of September 1815 that the Affiant is Administrator of her estate that his Said Mother died intestate; that she was lawfully married to my father long previous to the 1st of January 1794 (and that the family Bible was lost many years ago) the said John Sevier; and she lived in Affiant's family the greater part of her life after my father's death and was supported mostly by Affiant. Said John Sevier was one of the commanders at the battle of King's Mountain, commanded most of the campaigns against the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee – was the first General of Militia when Tennessee was a Territory and established and named the Fort at be South West Point (a Junction of the Tennessee and Clinch Rivers) – was the first Governor elected after the organization of the State Government.

In testimony where of Affiant have hereunto set his hand this 23rd day of November A.D. 1838.

S/ G. W. Sevier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of November 1838 and I do certify that the said G. W. Sevier is a man of high character and respectability and one whose veracity is unquestionable.

S/ Chas M. Moorman

Justice of the peace for Davidson County Tennessee

State of Tennessee, Davidson County

On this the 31st day of October 1853 personally appeared before me William K. Turner Judge of the Criminal Court in and for the State of Tennessee the same being a Court of record Henry L. Norvell a resident of said County who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, granting Pensions to Widows &c, of officers and Soldiers who served during the Revolutionary War,

That he is the Administrator of Catherine Sevier widow of the Late Governor John Sevier, the Identical John Sevier who performed various terms of Service in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in the Revolutionary War, that the said John Sevier as declarant always understood entered the service at an early period of said Revolution during said war and served in various Capacities until he rose to the rank of Colonel in which Capacity as declarant has always understood he served for more than two years but of the particular dates of his Commission, duration of his Service or the amount thereof of course declarant cannot positively State, and must therefore rely upon the records of the State of North Carolina, for all the particulars, in relation thereto, and to which he now refers, he further States that the said Catherine was married to the said John Sevier some time in the year 1780, in the

Eastern part of this State but the particular County declarant does not know, that previous to her marriage her name was Catherine Sherrill, that the said Colonel John Sevier died near Fort Decatur in Alabama, on the 24th of September 1815 while employed as Commissioner in the United States service running the boundary line between the US & Creek Indians, that his widow the said Catherine died at Russellville Alabama, on the Second day of October 1836, that previous to her death she made application for and received a Pension under act of 4th of July 1836, in right of her said Husband at the rate of \$300 per annum, the said Colonel John Sevier Deceased that after his death his said widow did not again intermarry but remained the widow of him the said John Sevier up to the day of her death, at which time she left the following named children to wit George W. Sevier, Samuel Sevier, Robert Sevier, Elizabeth McClelland, [illegible, could be "Ann"] Carland and Mary Overstreet, all of whom have since died except Elizabeth McClelland and Robert Sevier, who are now living and the only living children of her the said Katherine Sevier, Deceased and who as declarant is advised and so claims was originally entitled to \$600 per annum as the widow of the said Colonel John Sevier in place of the \$300 per annum which She has already received, and which deficiency declarant as administrator now claims for the benefit of said heirs.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year first above written.

S/ Will K. Turner, Judge

S/ H. L. Norvell, Admr. {Seal}

State of Tennessee, Davidson County: Circuit Court aforesaid State & County May Term 1839

Personally appears in open Court this 17th day of May 1839, Geo. W. Sevier of said County & makes oath that his mother Catherine Sevier, widow of the late General John Sevier, departed life on the second day of October 1836, at Russellville Alabama. Declarant further makes oath That his sister Joanna late Joanna Sevier, one of the heirs of said John & Catherine deceased died in his Deponent's presence in the County of Overton Tennessee on the 31st day of July 1823 [could be 1828]. The deaths of his Mother & sister both are duly recorded in Deponent's family Bible.

S/ G. W. Sevier

[Unsigned, undated scrap of paper in unidentified handwriting gives the following information]

“Children of John Sevier & Catherine Sevier, decd

George Washington

Samuel

Robert

Mary

Elizabeth”

State of North Carolina

Comptroller's Office November 4th, 1851

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in said office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons on account of Military Services, in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit:

John Sevier

In service prior to November 1776 seems to have been a Commissary (Book A. No. 1 page 51) Paid for Rations –

Paid November 1777 as Colonel for services of his Regiment £2362 S9 specie—Book A, No. 2, page 24

Book K, page 54, £58 S8 specie Nov. 1777 services as Colonel.

“ “, “ 79, £44 S16 “ Oct. 1779

“ No. 3, page 18, £8 S18 “ June 1782

“ “ 10, “ 24, £12 S16 D6 specie June 1782

“ “, “ “ 25, £376 S15 D8, specie 12 June 1783 (Colonel)

“ P39 “ 1, £9-----”

“ No.24 103, £4 S19-----”

In testimony whereof I have here unto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of Office.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

State of Tennessee, Washington County

This day personally appeared before me Wm K. Blair a Justice of the Peace for said County Darling Jones¹ aged Seventy five years and being duly Sworn according to law, deposeth and Saith that he during the war of our independence served one tour of duty in the year 1781 in the Company of Captain Landon Carter to South Carolina in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier, that we marched through Charlotte town North Carolina and Camden South Carolina to the high hills of Santee, where General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army lay after the battle of the Eutaw Springs, from there down the Santee River to where General Marion lay with his Militia and Joined him we had no Battle while there but took one British Garrison without fighting, we were in service about four months and was then discharged and returned home in the winter – we went from Washington County then North Carolina. Colonel Isaac Shelby and his Regiment was also along from Sullivan County.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the eighth day of December 1838.

S/ Darling Jones

S/ Wm K. Blair, JP

State of Tennessee, Washington County

This day personally appeared before me William K. Blair a Justice of the peace Nathan Gann² aged Seventy eight years and being duly Sworn according to law Deposeth and saith, that during the war of our independence he served two campaigns under the command of Colonel John Sevier in the year 1780, one against the British & Tories at the time the battle of King's Mountain was fought, the other of the same year against the Cherokee Indians where we met and fought the Indians on Boyd's Creek beyond French Broad River, the tours were called three months tours – Sworn and subscribed to before me the fourth day of September 1838.

S/ Nathan Gann

S/ Wm K. Blair, JP

State of Tennessee, Washington County

This day personally appeared before me William K. Blair a Justice of the peace for said County Isaac Taylor³ aged eighty two years and being duly be Sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that during the war of our independence he served two Campaigns under the Command of Colonel John Sevier, one in the year 1780 against the Cherokee Indians when we met and fought them at Boyd's Creek beyond Bridge Broad River, the other against the Same Indians in the year 1782, the tours were called three months tours. Sworn to and subscribed or me this fourth day of September 1838.

S/ Wm K. Blair, JP

S/ Isaac Taylor

State of Tennessee, Washington County

This day personally appeared before me Henderson Clark a Justice of the peace for said County John Clark aged eighty years and Casander Clark about the Same age who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth & saith that they were well acquainted with Col. John Sevier and his Second wife who was Catherine Sherrill, that they were married during the revolutionary war, that we did not see them married but they lived a great many years our neighbors and was always esteemed as husband and wife,

¹ [Darling Jones W7922](#)

² [Nathan Gann \(Gan\) S1820](#)

³ [Isaac Taylor W6236](#)

we believe their marriage was in the year eighty before the battle of King's Mountain in South Carolina between the Americans and British and Tories – Sworn to and Subscribed to the fifth day of December 1838.

S/ Henderson Clark
Justice of peace

S/ John Clark
S/ Casandor Clark

State of Tennessee, Washington County

This day personally appeared before me William K. Blair a Justice of the peace Solomon Hendricks aged eighty four in years and being duly Sworn according to law depose and saith that during the war of the revolution he Served a tour of duty under the Command of Colonel John Sevier in the year 1781 against what was then called the Overhill Cherokee Indians, he also states that in the fall of Same year that he Served a tour of duty under the Command of Colonel Isaac Shelby from Sullivan County and as well as he recollects that Colonel John Sevier commanded the Washington troops at the same time where we all Joined General Marion on Santee River South Carolina, the tours were about three or four months. Sworn to before me the fourth day of September 1838.

S/ Wm K. Blair, J Peace

S/ Solomon Hendrix, X his mark

State of Tennessee, Washington County

This day personally appeared before me Henderson Clark a Justice of peace for said County John Clark⁴ aged eighty years, and being duly Sworn according to law Depose and saith that during the war of our independence he Served one tour of duty under the command of Colonel John Sevier in the year 1781 against what was then called the Overhill Cherokee Indians the tour was called three months tour we crossed the bald mountain through a wilderness until we got to the Indian towns. Sworn to and subscribed before me this fifth day of December 1838. S/ John Clark

S/ Henderson Clark
Justice of peace

The State of Alabama, Franklin County

On this the 14th day of September 1855 personally appeared before me James H. Trimble Judge of the probate Court in & for the State of Alabama & the County aforesaid John Sevier & Archibald R. Sevier both to me well known as being persons entitled to full Credit & belief & made oath in due form of Law – that they were acquainted with Mrs. Catherine Sevier Widow of the late Colonel John Sevier and who previous to her death we are of the impression was a Pensioner of the United States at the rate we believe of \$300 per annum in right of her husband the said Colonel John Sevier Deceased that the said Catherine died in Russellville Alabama on the 2nd day of October 1836, that at the time of her death she left the following named children & stepchildren to wit Geo. W. Sevier, Samuel Sevier, Robert Sevier, Elizabeth McClelland, Mary Overstreet & Mary Ann Garland, a stepchild, all of whom have since died except Robert Sevier & Elizabeth McClelland who were living at last accounts and who are the only living children of the said Catherine Dec'd there were also other children & stepchildren who died before the said Catherine Sevier died.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 14th of September 1855.

S/ John Sevier
S/ A. R. Sevier

Given under my hand & Seal of said Court on the day & date above written.

S/ James H. Trimble, Judge

State of Tennessee, Washington County: February Circuit Court 25th 1839

⁴ FPA S1898

This day came James Sevier⁵ aged Seventy five years, into Open Court and made Oath that he well recollects that his Father the late General John Sevier married his Second wife Catherine Sevier formerly Catherine Sherrell, it was on the 14th day of August 1780, I did not see them married, but had a long conversation with my Father on the Subject the day he went to get married; he brought his wife home the next day. My Father said he was married by a justice of the peace by the name of Joseph Wilson a person I was well acquainted with myself. I was near 16 years old at the time and continued in my Father's family for near nine years afterwards, when I got married and left the family. They continued to live together as husband and wife until my Father died in the month of September 1815. They had after marriage the following children George Washington, Samuel, Robert, Mary, Joanna & Elizabeth, Joanna is dead. This deponent further states that he served four campaigns under his Father during the war of our independence. The first was in the year 1780 when we fought the battle of King's Mountain against the British and Tories. The Second was against the Cherokee Indians in the close of the year 1780 when we met the Indians in a body on the South Side of French Broad River and defeated them on a Creek called Boyd's Creek. The third was to South Carolina in the year 1781 after the battle at the Eutaw Springs. On our march we passed through Charlotte, North Carolina, Camden South Carolina General Greene's Camp on the high hills of Santee and thence to General Marion's camp on Santee below General Greene's camp. The fourth was against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1782. Our march against the Indians was through a wilderness. Generally, the tours were called three months tours. My Father was always a Colonel in command. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year above written. I know of no other person to prove the services by.

S/ Jas Sevier

[In a letter dated December 1838 to E. H. Foster, Esqr., James Sevier states "...I was with my Father in all his campaigns but One against the Indians."]

⁵ [James Sevier S45889](#)