

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Turnley W6327

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State of Tennessee third Judicial Circuit Warren County Circuit Court September Term 1821

It is ordered [?] by the Court that the application of John Turnley for a pension as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War be entered of record which is in the words and figures following, to wit,

State of Tennessee Warren County 3rd Circuit On this the 18th day of September 1821 personally in open Court being a court of record in said Circuit and County John Turnley aged sixty-five years resident of said County, who being sworn according to law doth on his oath 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 said John Turnley enlisted for two years on the 8th day of February 1776 in Spotsylvania County, State of Virginia Captain Oliver Towles' company afterwards Captain Everett, by whom he was discharged of the Sixth Regiment commanded by Colonel Syms [perhaps Lieutenant Colonel Charles Simms] on the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment then continued to serve in said Corps and in the Service of the United States until the year 1778 when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge Camp in the State of Pennsylvania. And that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Trenton twice [December 26, 1776 and January 2, 1777] & in Mud Island fort [also known as Fort Mifflin, Pennsylvania, October-November 1777] during the Siege and many other Skirmishes, also at the Siege of York in Virginia at the taking [of] Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] [September-October 19, 1781]¹. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power except his discharge herewith enclosed and word as follows, The bearer John Turnley Soldier in the Virginia Troops having served the term for which he enlisted he is hereby discharged from Service Valley Forge 1778

S/ George Weedon, Brigadier General

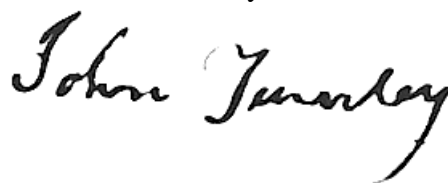
And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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

¹ In other documents in this file, the veteran makes reference to having been at the Siege of York under General Lafayette.

hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Schedule Real estate none, personal estate: three cows and yearlings \$32, one mare, to Louisiana pigs, 21 shoats \$27.25, two beds & furniture, three tables \$42.25, one trunk & old chest \$4.50, one skillet & pot one dollar, two skillets, \$6.50, two pair pot hooks, five water vessels \$1.14, plates & dishes nine spoons \$5.87, five basons, two earthen m 3 pans, eight knives & forks \$4.37 ½ , one plow & gear & cleavins [?], 4 hoys [?], 2 weages [wedges?] \$5.50, to holders & chisels, one pot, one drawing knife \$1.24 ¼ , 1 Scyth, 1 hammer, 1 pr. fire dogs \$4.50, 1 pr Sad [?] Irons 4 bottles, 6 cups & saucers \$1.37 ½ , 6 jugs 1 gun 1 hand saw 1 man's saddle \$10, 1 woman's saddle 1 spinning wheel \$4.50, 7 chairs, three earthen pots \$2.50, [indecipherable entries] one hatchet \$3.00, one chain \$1, 1 Shovel & tongs [indecipherable word] 1 kettle \$1.25 making an aggregate sum of \$158.63 ¾ .

Said Claimant's family consist as follows my wife Elizabeth 65 years of age wea k and infirm, two daughters unmarried Mary 38 years old and Catharine 36 years of age who along contribute to our support. Said Claimant is a farmer but is unable to work but little he is much afflicted with the Rheumatic pains and a [indecipherable word] on the back of his right shoulder which is the cause of much pain.

S/ John Turley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Turley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ John Turley".

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Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 18th day of September 1821.

S/ P. Henderson, Clerk

[f p. 44]

State of Tennessee Warren County: October Session of the County Court 1828

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the acts of the 18th of March 1818 John Turnley personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Warren resident in said County aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision mate by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said John Turnley enlisted for the term of two years on the 8th day of February 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Oliver Towles afterwards by Captain Every in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buckner and Major Hendricks afterwards by Colonel Sims and Major Towles in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until February 13th 1778 when he was discharged from the service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Tennessee, and the following are the reasons this application has been delayed.

The first application was May in 1822 which never reached the War Department. The second was married in 1825 which met with the same failure. And in Pursuance of the act of the first May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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

² This example of the veteran's signature was taken from another document which is posted on Fold3 page 25.

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 18th 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

[a schedule showing property worth in aggregate \$100.13 ½ is listed on p. 45]

And said Turnley hath no other proof except my discharge and Captain Beverly Stubblefield's certificate which are annexed,

[his discharge, quoted in his first application, is re-stated here]

I do hereby certify that John Turnley enlisted under Oliver Towles Captain in the sixth Virginia Regiment for two years that he served his time out and was discharged at Valley Forge Camp Pennsylvania February 1778 I being an officer in said Regiment afterwards was annexed to the second Virginia Regiment. Sworn under my hand & seal this 14th day of January 1822.

S/ Beverly Stubblefield
Captain in the second
Virginia Regiment Kentucky Todd County

and said Turnley was in the Battles of Brandywine, Trenton twice, Germantown, Mud Island Fort during the siege, also in Virginia at York at the taking of Cornwallis. The claimant's occupation is a farmer though much afflicted with Rheumatic pains stiffening in his shoulders and not able to do much towards a support. Said Claimant's Family consists of my wife Elizabeth 72 years my daughter Mary aged 45 years by the Daughter Catharine aged 43 years my daughter Mary is much afflicted with a lingering complaint so much so as not to be able to render any support to the family.

Sworn to in open Court this 8th day of October 1828

S/ John Turnley

[f p. 20: On May 22, 1839 in Warren County Tennessee, Elizabeth Turnley, aged 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Turnley; that she married him in the month of October 1778; that he died December seventh, 1832 and that she continues his widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Turnley". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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[f p. 18: family record:

Edmund son of John and Elizabeth Turnley was born June 21st 1779

Martha daughter of John and Elizabeth Turnley was born March 10th 1782 – Departed this life
June 30th 1812

Mary daughter to John and Elizabeth Turnley was born March 19, 1783

Caty Daughter to John and Elizabeth Turnley was born April 17th 1785

John son to John and Elizabeth Turnley was born February 26 1787

Nancy daughter to John and Elizabeth Turnley was born April 9, 1789

Powell son to John and Elizabeth Turnley was born April 27, Departed this life August 1794

Ellett son to John and Elizabeth Turnley Was Born March 22, 1793

Temple Son to John and Elizabeth Turnley Was Born November 20, 1795

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name is not given in the file; the veteran died in Cannon County Tennessee; the following children survived their mother Edmund of Virginia; Temple of Alabama, John and Elleout of Missouri; Nancy, Mary and Catharine of Tennessee.]

*I do hereby certify that John Turnley a
soldier in the sixth Virginia regiment
has faithfully served his time of indentment
and is hereby discharged, given under my
hand at Valley Forge camp
July 13 1778
Geo. Woodson Brig. Genl*

[Note: this discharge looks like a copy, to me]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing January 30, 1829, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing December 7th, 1832. Veteran's widow's heirs were allowed a pension at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing July 1, 1841 and ending June 23, 1850.]