

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tyler W6328  
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State of Virginia Amherst County: SS

On this twenty first day of April 1845 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Amherst County now sitting Elizabeth Tyler a resident of Amherst County and State of Virginia aged \_\_ years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," also of the act of Congress of March 3, 1843 entitled "An act granting a pension to certain (widows of) revolutionary Soldiers" and also of the act of June 11, 1844 entitled "an act to continue the pensions of certain widows".

That she is the widow of John Tyler who was a private soldier in the revolutionary war. That on account of her advanced age and failure of memory, she cannot recollect the details of her husband's revolutionary services and moreover anything that she knows is derived from the information of others, she believes that her deceased husband John Tyler served three tours of six months each, that he was at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and the siege of York [September – October 19, 1781]. She cannot state under what officers he served, nor the particular periods of the war in which he served, she refers for proof of her husband's revolutionary services to William Cashwell<sup>1</sup> a pensioner residing in Amherst County and to a certain Boatwright a revolutionary soldier residing in Campbell County. She further declares that her husband the said John Tyler departed this life on the 19th day of August 1830 aged sixty-nine years. She further declares that she was married to the said John Tyler in the year 1788 on the \_\_ day of \_\_ and that she has remained a widow ever since – the death of her said husband John Tyler, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed, and that her marriage took place in the County of Amherst State of Virginia, and that her husband resided in the said County of Amherst at the time he went into service. Subscribed & sworn to in open Court this 21st of April 1845

S/ Sam M. Garland

S/ Elizabeth Tyler, X her mark

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State of Virginia Amherst County: SS

Affidavit of William Cashwell made before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Amherst, State of Virginia

The affiant having been first duly sworn deposed as follows to wit, that he is 83 years old and is a pensioner under the laws of the United States on account of his revolutionary services.

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<sup>1</sup> [William Cashwell W3771](#)

That he was well acquainted with John Tyler, whose widow Elizabeth Tyler is an applicant for a pension on account of services of her husband in the revolutionary War. The affiant was with the said John Tyler at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. He knows that Tyler served three months about that time, how much longer he served this affiant is unable to state. The affiant has no personal knowledge of the marriage of John Tyler with the woman who now remains his widow and resides in Amherst County, he can however state that the said Tyler lived as a husband more than 50 years ago with the present Elizabeth Tyler, and continued to sustain that relation until the period of his death: he however has no doubt that they were lawfully married as they were always considered persons of good character.

S/ Wm Cashwell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Cashwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "W".

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State of Virginia, Amherst County to wit

On this 4th day of May 1846, before me Lindsey Coleman a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared William Caswell, a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he is 84 years old, and states that since giving his affidavit some 12 months ago, as to the services of Jno Tyler [John Tyler] in the Revolutionary War – that he the deponent recollects distinctly, – that the said John Tyler did also perform a tour of service of at least three months duration in the Revolutionary War with deponent in part – in the Fall of 1781 – being marched into service from said County of Amherst under Captain John Christian, – about the last of August 1781 – to Yorktown Virginia, where he was put (under) <sup>in</sup> the same company with deponent – under Captain John Steuart [John Stuart or John Stewart]– and continued in said service until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, October 19th 1781 – from which place, Yorktown he the said John Tyler, with deponent, was marched to Winchester Virginia under said Captain John Steuart – as a part of the guard of five companies – under the command of Colonel Samuel Vance to conduct the British prisoners taken at York to Winchester – at which last place said Tyler, and deponent was discharged, about the last of November – having received credit for 3 months service. Deponent was allowed 3 months for said tour in obtaining his own pension. Said Tyler also served 3 months at Guilford N. C. in March 1781 of which deponent gave his affidavit as above. Said Tyler, is the same man that married Miss Betsy Dillard – the daughter [of] William Dillard deceased of said County, somewhere between 1785 and 1790. Deponent is very clear, in his recollection, as to the services of said Tyler on both of said occasions. Said Tyler died some twenty years ago in said County – and that his widow is still alive as he is informed.

S/ William Cashwell, X his mark

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State of Virginia Amherst County to wit

On this 23 day of April 1846, before me Za Drummond a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Eaton Carpenter a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he is about 72 years old – and moved to said County with his father Benjamin Carpenter during the Revolutionary war – being eight or nine years old. That after he moved to said County his father was drafted and

called into service with the Amherst militia and was marched to little York in the lower part of the State to assist in the capture of Lord Cornwallis in October 1781 – and that after he returned, he the deponent recollects distinctly of having heard his father say frequently that John Tyler, who married Miss \_\_ Dillard of said County was also in service at the same time that he was – at the capture of Cornwallis – and that it was paid neighborhood talk generally that said John Tyler was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis in the Revolutionary War. Said John Tyler died some 20 years ago in said County. S/ Eaton Carpenter, X his mark

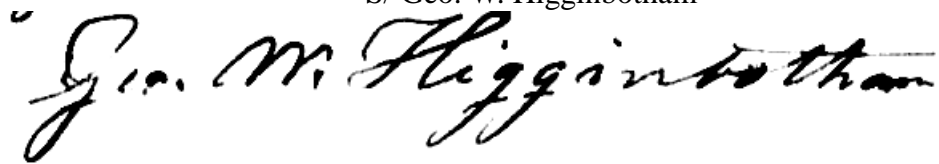
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State of Virginia Amherst County to wit

On this 19th day of May 1846 before me Addison Taliaferro a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared George W Higginbotham a respectable resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say, That he is 63 years old – and recollects distinctly that in looking over his father's Revolutionary papers he came across several muster rolls or rolls containing the names of the soldiers that composed the several companies that were in service under deponent's father, Colonel or Major James Higginbotham, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war of the above grade; and deponent has heard him say that he was in service against the Indians and at Charlottesville, and at Williamsburg and Yorktown. Deponent cannot say positively, the Captain's name, whose roll, the name of John Tyler was own, but is very clear in his recollection of having seen the names of John Tyler and Benjamin Carpenter on the above rolls, that was then his father's Colonel James Higginbotham's possession. Deponent cannot say positively that the names of John Tyler and Benjamin Carpenter was on the same roll or not, but that they only lived about three miles apart during the Revolutionary Service.

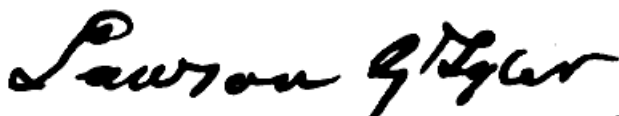
Said Tyler – deponent is disposed to believe is the same man that married Miss \_\_ Dillard of said County the daughter of William Dillard, who is now alive and a widow in said County – whose husband was said John Tyler died in said County about 20 or 25 years ago. His father's roles above all at Courthouse in Kentucky.

S/ Geo. W. Higginbotham



[f p. 18: Copy of a marriage bond issued to John Tyler & William Oglesby dated February 2, 1789 [? last two digits are unclear] in Amherst County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of John Tyler and Elizabeth Dillard.]

[f p. 9: Of June 18, 1849 in Amherst County Virginia Lawson G Tyler a resident of Rockingham County, and administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Tyler filed a claim on behalf of her estate under the act of February 2, 1848 in which he states that Elizabeth Tyler died in Amherst County February 5th, 1849 leaving seven children (not named in his application).



. In the attached ruling of the court, the seven children are named as follows: to wit: George D, Lawson G, Tandy S, William H, and John

S Tyler and Oney D Joiner and Martha W. Briggs.]

[f p. 20: children of veteran and his wife:

George D born June three, 1789

Lawson A born March 12, 1791

Charles born July ?, 1792

William Hutson born July ??, died September 11, 1795

Tandy S. born June ?, 1800

Oney D. born May ??? [married \_\_ Joiner]

Patsy W. (Martha) born April 4, ??? [married \_\_ Briggs]

William Henry born October ????

John L born September 12, 1808

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private for six months in the Virginia militia.]