

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Josiah Tannehill W8777                      Margaret Tannehill                      MD VA  
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Commonwealth of Kentucky                      }  
County of Jefferson & City of Louisville                      }

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of October one thousand Eight Hundred & thirty eight, personally appeared before me Gabriel J. Johnston one of the Justices of the Peace for said county Mrs Margaret Tannehill, a resident of the city and county aforesaid, aged Seventy one 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 7, 1838, entitled an “act act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows”.

That she is the widow of Josiah Tannehill, who was a Lieutenant in Col Gibson’s [JOhn Gibson, pension application S41578] Regiment of the Virginia line, during the revolutionary war, and who at the time of the discharge of the army at the close of the war, held the rank of Captain. That the said Josiah Tannehill entered the revolutionary army, as she is informed and believes, at an early period of the war, and was attached to the regiment of Col Rawlins [sic: Moses Rawlings VAS683], of the Maryland line, (of which state he was a native, having been born as she believes in the county of Montgomery) – that he was taken prisoner at the surrender of Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776], and was for some time a prisoner on Staten Island – that after his discharge from imprisonment, or his exchange, he again entered the army in Col Gibsons Regiment of the Virginia line, as above stated, and served as she believes faithfully and honorably until the termination of the war, and was discharged at Pittsburgh, in the state of Pennsylvania in year. What was the rank of the said Josiah Tannehill, in Rawlen’s Regiment, she is not certain, but believes he was an ensign or liutenant. For evidence of service, reference is hereby had to the accompanying affadavit of Dr John Knight [W12051], who was a surgeon in Col Gibson’s regiment, and to the muster rolls of the war department. She further states that she is unable to establish the claim above set forth, by any documentary evidence in her possession, all the papers of her said husband which would throw light upon particular transactions of his military life, having been destroyed by the burning of his dwelling house in the year 1799. she therefore relies upon the statement of Dr Knight, and the files of the war department, for the establishment of his rank in the service.

She further declares, that she was lawfully married to the said Josiah Tannehill, in the Town of Pittsburgh, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April Seventeen hundred & Eighty six, and that her husband, the aforesaid Josiah Tannehill, died at Baton Rouge, in the State of Louisiana, in the month of March 1811, the precise day she has not the present means of ascertaining, that she was not married to him prior to his discharge from the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz. at the time above stated. For proof of the marriage she refers to the accompanying affidavits of William Wilkins and others, and to the following extract from the family record, which is in the hand writing of her late husband, which record has been in her possession since the decease of her said husband.

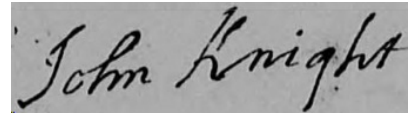
Josiah Tannehill was born June 7 1753 and was married to his Wife Margaret the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1786. She further declares, that from the death of her said husband, she has remained unmarried.

[signed] Margret Tannehill

State of Kentucky                      } Sct  
Shelby County                      }

This 30<sup>th</sup> Day of OCtober 1834 John Knight a citizen of the county aforesaid personally Appeared before me William Kinkade a Justice of the peace in and for said county and made oath that he was well acquainted with Josiah Tannehill formelly of pittsburgh in the State Pennsyvania and subsiquently of Lexington Kentucky. that the said Josiah Tannehill was a Lieutenant in the Maryland line in the

revolutionary war that subsequently he was a Lieutenant In Gibsons Rigiment of the Virginia line but to what company he was attached he dose not reclect, but that he served in all for the term of three years or more or until the close of the war. that he was Attached to said Gibsons Regiment in the year 1781 or 1782 as a Lieutenant But that he Served as paymaster and Quarter Master to said Regement until they was Descharged at pittsburgh on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of April 1783 he John Knight further states that he was him self attached to the said Gibsons Regiment as a Sergeons mate during the period above stated and knows that the said Josiah Tannehill served in said regiment as a Lieutenant and otherwise during the whole period above mentioned

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Knight". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of June 1783, in the name of Josiah Tannehill as Ensign & Pay M'r &c for £263.16.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colo Gibson and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To pay as Ens. P.M & Clothier from 1st Oct 79 to 31 July 1780

To pay as D'o from 1st Aug 80 to 31st Dec 1781.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 7th day of July 1845.

Jas E Heath AUDITOR.

NOTE:

On 2 Oct 1838 William Wilkins, Esq. of Allegheny County PA stated that he was the brother of Margaret Tannehill, and that she lived with her husband for many years at Pittsburgh, where they had several children, and then moved to Kentucky.

Catharine Huffnagle stated that she witnessed the marriage of Margaret Wilkins, daughter of John Wilkins, Esq., which was officiated by her late husband, Michael Huffnagle.

On 2 March 1846 Wilkins Tannehill of Nashville applied for an increase in the pension of his mother, Margaret Tannehill, on account of the additional service of Josiah Tannehill as a Paymaster and Clothier. He stated that his mother died at Louisville KY on 21 Dec 1839 leaving the following children besides himself: Catharine Stout, Rachel Wheatley, Zachariah Hollingsworth Tannehill, and Jane Wilkins Tannehill.

The file contains a document authorizing Wilkins Tannehill to act as administrator of the estate of Margaret Tannehill, signed by her other surviving children as follows: Z. H. Tannehill, S. V. D. Stout, Catherine Stout, and J W Tannehill.