

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Turner W8792

Mary Turner

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[Summary of file: No filing by the veteran or his widow

John Turner enlisted August 1, 1777, in the State of North Carolina, for the term of the war, served as a private and Sergeant in Captain Brown's [John Brown's] and Joshua Bowman's companies, Colonel Thomas Clarke's first North Carolina Regiment and was discharged at the close of the war in 1783. Shortly after the war this soldier moved from North Carolina to Claiborne County, Tennessee where he died October 11, 1825. The soldier married sometime prior to 1782 in Stokes County North Carolina Mary Cloud. The widow, Mary, died March 4, 1844 in Knox County Kentucky survived by the following children whose names and ages were given in 1852 as follows

Benjamin aged 71

Nancy aged 68

John age 64

Joseph aged 60

William and Mary aged 59

On April 1, 1852, John Turner, son of John and Mary, while residing in Knox County, Kentucky filed as the administrator of his mother's estate claiming whatever may be due her (or her heirs) as the widow of John.

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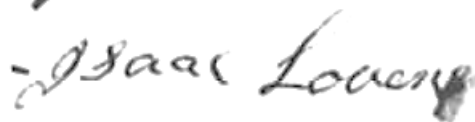
State of Kentucky County of Laurel }

Be it known that on the 1st day of September 1852 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace with and for the County and State aforesaid – Isaac Loven – aged 90 years – a resident of the County of Laurel and State aforesaid and known to me to be reputable and of sound mind – who being first duly sworn according to law – depose and State on oath on a petition of John Turner – Administrator of the Estate of Mary Turner, deceased, of the County of Knox and State of Kentucky to the Department of the United States at Washington City for arrears of pension on behalf of the children of John Turner & the said Mary Turner, deceased, on account of services rendered by the said John Turner, deceased, in the War of the Revolution against Great Britain.

Deponent swears on his oath that he was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and belonged to Captain Humphries Company – and of General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade in North Carolina while he was in the service aforesaid deponent became well

acquainted with the above named John Turner, deceased, and swears that the said John Turner is the Identical man who was a soldier in Captain Joshua Bowman's Company in 1778 – and [indecipherable words] the said John Turner in 1781 – Belonged to Captain Brown's Company – both of which belonged to the North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark of the North Carolina Line – And served a part of the time an officer but does not remember the precise Grade the said John Turner Served as aforesaid and knows the said Turner was a part of the time a private in said Regiment and Companies – and that he served his country faithfully to the close of the War of the Revolution in 1783 and was honorably discharged. Deponent knows well and states on oath that the said John Turner is the Identical man who was married to Mary Cloud in Stokes County North Carolina – which took place before the close of the War of the Revolution – deponent did not see them married but knows well the said John Turner and Mary Cloud aforesaid lived together as man and wife before the year 1782 in North Carolina and that their marriage was never doubted – and deponent swears that the said John Turner to his knowledge is the identical man and who did the service as aforesaid and that he is the Husband of the widow Mary his wife whose children are the applicants for the arrears of this pension – and that the said John Turner is the identical man that did the service in the War of the Revolution as stated – and that John Turner the applicant on behalf of the Children of the said John Turner & Mary his wife, deceased, is one of their children with whom deponent has known well – and that deponent is informed the said John and Mary Turner is dead and doubts it not – that he knew them well after they moved to Claiborne County Tennessee and recognizes the said John Turner to be the same man that he became acquainted with in the service aforesaid under Captain and under Captain Brown of Colonel Clark's North Carolina Regiment – and that he is satisfied he died in Claiborne County Tennessee – and his widow who survived him died in Knox County Kentucky leaving Children – and the said John Turner who petitions for this pension is one, with whom Deponent knows well and deponent swears that he is a disinterested witness.

S/ Isaac Loven¹



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State of Kentucky County of Laurel

Be it known that on the 8th day of July personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace within and for the County and State above mentioned John Faubus [sic] aged 88 years a resident of the County and State above mentioned and known to me to be reputable who being first duly sworn according to Law doth state on oath on a petition of John Turner Jr. of the County of Knox and State aforesaid on behalf of the Children of John and Mary Turner, Deceased, for arrears of pension due said Heirs to the Department of the United States at Washington City on account of the Services of their ancestor the said John Turner, Deceased, in the War of the Revolution.

Deponent states on oath that he is a Revolutionary pensioner upon the Kentucky Pension agency on account of services he rendered in the War of the Revolution: that he entered the service in the war aforesaid while he was a resident of the State of North Carolina – that while he was in the service aforesaid – the year 1780 – deponent became well acquainted with the above named John Turner, deceased, and States that the said John Turner, deceased, is the Identical man

¹ [Isaac Loven \(Lovin, Lovins\) R6478](#)

who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and that said John Turner belonged to the North Carolina **Regiment** commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark with whom deponent was well acquainted – of the North Carolina Continental Line – and that – the said John Turner, Deceased, and the said Mary Turner, deceased, is the Identical persons who are the Father and Mother of the Children mentioned in the petition of the aforesaid John Turner Jr. – for petition to the Department of the United States – at Washington City – on account of services rendered by their ancestor in the war of the Revolution the said John Turner, deceased, aforesaid (and that the said John Turner who is petitioning to the aforesaid for the Pension is 1 of their Children deponent and the said John Turner, deceased, did not serve in the same Company in the War of the Revolution,

Deponent remembers well – the year 1780 he saw the said John Turner with Mary in the County of Birk [Burke] State of North Carolina and asked her if she did not want to see her old man the said John Turner, deceased, She remarked very quick and thanked him, that she had just the day before saw him – and that he has returned again to the Army – having been to see her on a permit – and at that time they lived and cohabited together as man and wife – and that their marriage was never doubted – and states the said John Turner, deceased, served his country faithfully out the time for which he enlisted and was honorably discharged at the close of the War aforesaid and states that the said John Turner and Mary his wife shortly after the war aforesaid emigrated to Claiborne County Tennessee and there lived up to his death which happened in the year 1825 – leaving his wife Mary the aforesaid a widow and some children – who shortly after his death emigrated to Knox County Kentucky – and there lived a widow up to her death – deponent is informed happened year 1844 – and leaving the children mentioned in the petition aforesaid of which the said John Turner Junior aforesaid is one, who now petitions for the arrears of this pension – deponent states he is disinterested.

S/ John Forbis²



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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that John Turner a Sergeant in Captain Brown's Company of the 1st Regiment, entered the service on the 1st day of August 1777 for the term of the War, was a private in June 1778 Colonel Thomas Clark commanded said Regiment. John Turner was allowed the sum of £13p.11.7

Given under my hand this 13th day of May 1852

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary

[Veteran's widow was posthumously awarded a pension of \$120 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending with her death on March 4, 1844 based on her husband service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina Continental line.]

² [John Forbis \(Forbes\) W25591](#)