

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Tinney W9521

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Harrison County & Circuit Sct.

This day appeared Jno Tinny before me one of the Circuit Judges for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and made oath that in the year 1776 he enlisted at Pittsburgh as a regular soldier to continue during the War; his Captain was Uriah Springer; attached to Colonel Gibson's Regiment, which was the ninth Virginia Regiment in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. He made Oath that he was marched to Philadelphia, was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and Germantown [October 4, 1777], served during the War as a private under Captain Springer, and was discharged at Pittsburgh. He made oath that he received a regular discharge that he was incapable of writing, that he has been and continues to be poor, and while able worked for a living, and how, when or where he knows not, he lost or mislaid his discharge, and is wholly unable to obtain it. He further made Oath that he had made considerable inquiry and did not know nor had he heard of a single man by whom he can establish his Service aforesaid; And that he was decrepit about helpless, and in reduced circumstances and stood in need of aid from his Country for support.

Sworn to and declared before me this 14th day of September 1818

S/ John Trimble [Judge]

[f p 14]

Kentucky Nicholas circuit Sct: July Term 1820

John Tinney produced his affirmation together with a schedule of his property, pursuant to an Act of Congress of the United States passed the 1st day of May 1820 entitled "an act in addition to an act entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed the 18th day of March 1818 which said affirmation and schedule is ordered to be recorded – to wit –  
Schedule, State of Kentucky, second Judicial District – On this 4th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court (this being expressly made a court of record by the laws of this State for the County of Nicholas, with power to fine and imprison, possessing unlimited jurisdiction in point of amount, being so adjudged by the tribunals of this State always keeping a record of its proceedings) John Tinney aged seventy-three years a resident in the County of Nicholas and district aforesaid, who after being first duly sworn upon his oath doth declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, "That he enlisted for the term of three years or during the War in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania as well as he recollects in the year 1777, in the company commanded by Captain Orias Springer[sic] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the 9th Virginia Regiment on the line of said State, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until the close of the war in 1783 when he was discharged in Pittsburgh, in

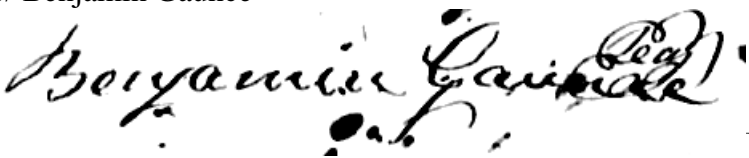
the State of Pennsylvania – made my original declaration on the 14th September 1818 , Received a pension Certificate No. 9565 – I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 as follows "one cow & calf \$10 one mare blind and old \$5 total amount \$15 – I have no other property real or personal – My family consists of two children, to wit, Absalom 13 years old, Jane 11 years old, unable to contribute anything to my support, after supporting themselves, I am a farmer and am old crippled unable to walk or work any – My wife about 55 years of age, old and unable to work

Subscribed by

S/ John Tinney, X his mark

[f p. 51: On July 8, 1853 in Harrison County Kentucky, Benjamin Gaunce , 54, filed an application in which he states he is the next friend of James Tenney widow of John Tenney who died in Nicholas County Kentucky on the 16th day of March 1834 who at the time of his death was a revolutionary Pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that he died survived by his wife Jane who still survives and has never remarried; that Jane has resided in Harrison County for near two years past and is in a state of mental imbecility; that he well relate the family history as he has known it from his acquaintance with the family for the last 15 or 16 years; his understanding is that John Tenney and Jane McClary, a widow whose maiden name was Evans, were married in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania soon after the close of the revolutionary war by one Johnson, JP; that Jane is about 90 years old at the present time perhaps near 100 from the best information he can get; that John and Jane Tenney moved to Kentucky in 1808 assisted by their oldest son John Tenney Junior who was then a grown man and out of an apprenticeship in the saddling business who returned to Pennsylvania for the purpose of marrying and resided there until his death some 15 years since;; that he has heard speak of their second son Josiah F Tenney enlisting in Mason County Kentucky in the service of the United States as a regular soldier in the war of 1812; that there is no family record of the marriage or the births of the children of John and Jane Tenney; that Jane Tenney had a certificate of her marriage but somehow in moving about it has become lost or destroyed.

S/ Benjamin Gaunce

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Gaunce". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There are some ink blots and a small mark below the signature.

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[f p. 18: On November 14, 1853 in Harrison County Kentucky, Benjamine Younce [Benjamin Gaunce], a resident of said County, made application in which he stated he is the administrator of the estate of Jane Tinney the widow of John Tinney, deceased, who died in Nicholas County Kentucky March 16, 1835 leaving said Jane his widow; that Jane never remarried but died in Harrison County Kentucky October 28, 1853 leaving at her death the following surviving and only surviving children: Josiah S Tinney; Emily intermarried with himself Benjn Younce residing

in Harrison County Kentucky; Lucinda intermarried with Lewis Shaw living in Nicholas County Kentucky; Jane Tinney living in Pendleton County Kentucky; that he had previously filed an application as the trustee of said Jane Tinney in which he set forth the family history which he continues to believe to be a true account thereof; that at the time of the death of John Tinney, his widow Jane intended to apply for a pension but was dissuaded from doing so because she was told she would need to prove her marriage; that at the time of her marriage she lived with an uncle by the name of evidence; that when she married John Tinney she went to a magistrate some distance from her house and the only witnesses were strangers to her and she had no family record of her marriage; that the affiant's understanding is that the veteran and his wife came to Kentucky in 1808 and lived in Washington Mason County Kentucky where he followed blacksmithing a number of years from thence he moved to Kentontown Harrison County Kentucky where he lived several years from thence to Nicholas County Kentucky where the affiants first became acquainted with him and his family and where John Tinney died  
S/ Benjamin Gaunce]

[Facts in file: in addition to the children of the couple mentioned above, the following children are mentioned: Margaret, James, Cynthia Ane and Absalom; in 1854 Lemuel Downard, 54, a resident of Harrison County, Kentucky, gave testimony that he married Mary Richey a grand daughter of John and Jane Tenney.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing September 14, 1818 for service as a private for seven years in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848 and ending June 30th, 1848.]