

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Tysor [Tyser] ¹ W2707

Susannah (Susana) Tysor f51NC

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1832

On this 19th day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judge of said Court, now sitting, Lewis Tysor a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was drafted in Halifax County North Carolina and joined the company of militia under the command of Captain Jonathan Hale he was stationed in the vicinity of Halifax Court House and served three months in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Long [Nicholas Long] – he thinks this service was performed early in the revolutionary War he was discharged at Halifax and received a written discharge which was signed by Colonel Long but is now lost or destroyed.

In one or two years after his discharge as aforesaid he was again drafted in the County of Halifax and joined the company of North Carolina militia under the command of Captain Samuel Baron and Lieutenant Brown; he joined a Regiment at Halifax Court House under the command of Colonel Eaton [Thomas Eaton] and Major Thomas Scurlock he was marched with the Regiment to Kingston [sic, Kinston], from thence to Cheraw Hill in South Carolina from thence to Georgetown where they joined another body of militia from thence to Moncks Corner from thence to Augusta where they joined a body of Continental Troops which he thinks were under the command of an officer by the name of Elbert [Samuel Elbert of Georgia] and also a body of Militia from Augusta he marched with the Army to Briar Creek² where they lay two or three weeks repairing a bridge which had been burned by the enemy when they were attacked and defeated he fought in the action and retreated with the Army across the Savannah River to Purysburg from thence he was marched to the Black Swamp from thence to the Two Sisters [Ferry] where they lay about a fortnight from thence to near Charleston at a place called Bees Creek Bridge from thence he was marched home and discharged after having served six months wanting 10 days he thinks he received a written discharge but has no recollection by whom it was signed and does not know what has become of it.

He further states that in about a year after his discharge as aforesaid he was again drafted in the County of Halifax and joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Branch [Lieutenant Colonel John Branch] from Halifax Court House he was marched through Hillsboro and Salisbury and on to Charlotte where they joined a large body of troops Continental and militia

¹ BLWt26837-160-55

² Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

but he does not remember who commanded from Charlotte he was marched with a large body of troops to Roughlys [sic, Rugeley's] Mill near Camden he does not recollect who commanded but recollects that Colonel Washington's Horse³ were in company and took a small body of the enemy at that place, from thence he was marched back to Charlotte from thence home and discharged, he received a written discharge which was signed by Colonel Branch but is now lost or destroyed he was employed three months in the above service and that he has no documentary evidence of his services he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory in the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ C. J. Williams, CSC

S/ Lewis Tysor, X his mark

[Nathan Stedman and James Burns gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 21: On September 24, 1851, Susanna Tysor filed in Chatham County North Carolina for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Lewis Tysor, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution, that she married Lewis on July 21, 1796; and that Lewis died on December 29, 1835.⁴]

[p 11: On April 7, 1855 in Moore County North Carolina, Susanna Tysor, aged about 90, a resident of Moore County North Carolina filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier she signed this document with her mark.]

[p 22: Francis Self, 69, made an affidavit in Chatham County North Carolina in support of Susannah's petition in which he states that "...Lewis Tysor was at the time of his marriage overseer for Joseph John Alston one of the wealthiest planters in this County and John Harris, the father of Susanna Tysor was at the time of the marriage overseer for Col. John Mebane also a Rich Planter...."]

[p 23: Benjamin Harris, 71, brother of widow, gave an affidavit similar to Self's affidavit in 1851 in Chatham County, NC. Harris stated that "... it was said that Lewis Tysor's father was from Portugal [sic Portugal?] and was darker complected than common men and Lewis Tysor was also a darker skinned man and wife he married was a very fair skinned woman...."]

[facts in file: Veteran died December 27, 1832 [or December 27, 1835, see widow's application]; Lewis Tysor and Susanna Harris were married July 21, 1796; their children's birth dates are as follows:

Jordan born May 1, 1797

Dennis born August 24, 1798

Dilliza on June 13, 1800

Elizabeth born January 9, 1802

Julyann born October 10, 1804

Orren born November 11, 1806

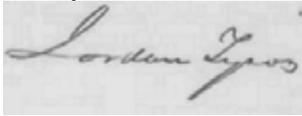
Harris born October 15, 1808]

³ William Washington took the Tory stronghold at Rugeley's Mill on December 4, 1780.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html

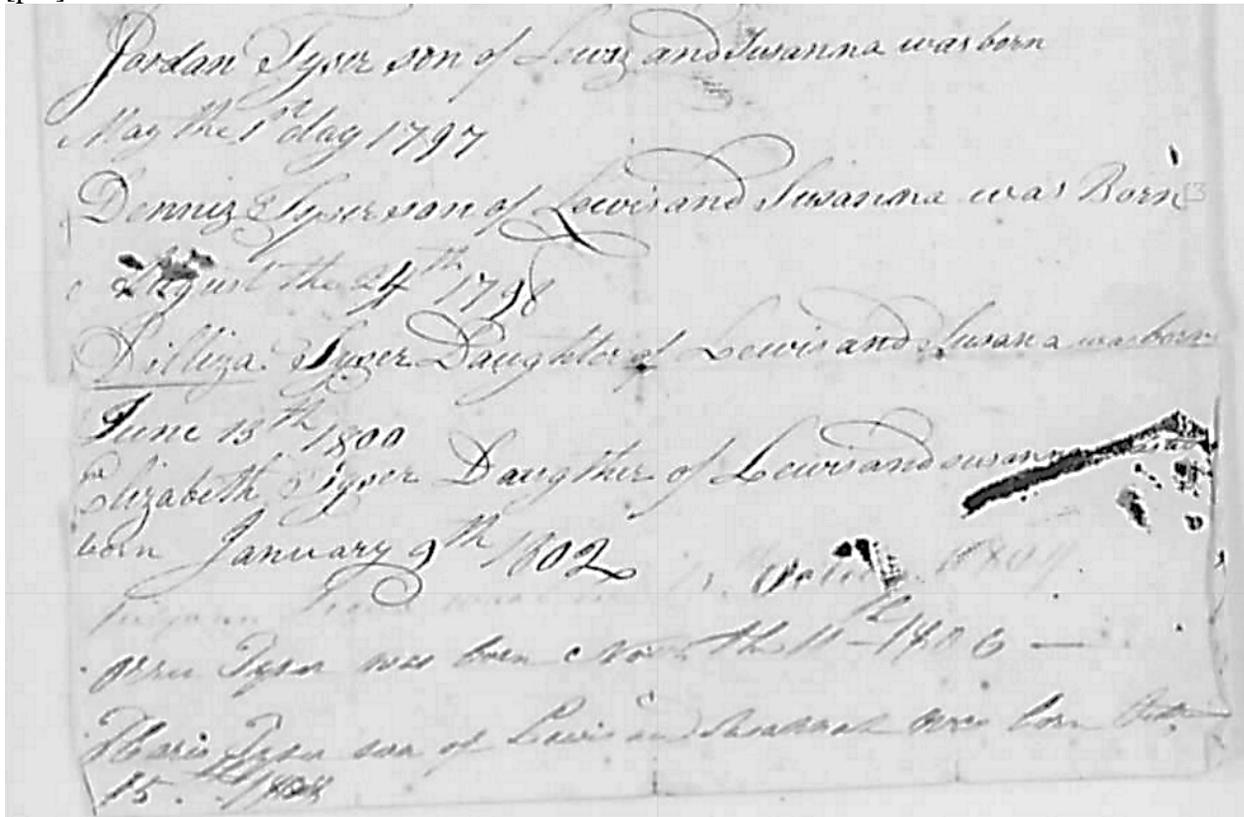
⁴ But on p 41 there is a ruling dated September 23, 1833 by the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in Chatham County NC finding that the veteran died in Chatham County, NC on December 27, 1832 survived by his widow Susannah Tysor.

[p 14: Jordan Tyser, Eldest child of the veteran and his widow, gave testimony authenticating the family record .



Handwritten signature of Jordan Tyser in cursive script.

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Handwritten family record in cursive script, listing births of children of Lewis and Susanna Tyser:

- Jordan Tyser son of Lewis and Susanna was born May the 1st day 1797
- Dennis Tyser son of Lewis and Susanna was Born August the 27th 1798
- Killiza Tyser Daughter of Lewis and Susanna was born June 15th 1800
- Elizabeth Tyser Daughter of Lewis and Susanna was born January 3rd 1802
- John Tyser was born about the 11-1806
- Harris Tyser son of Lewis and Susanna was born Oct. 15. 1808

[p 32: Letter dated June 4, 1852 sent from Chatham County by Harris Tyser [sic] to the Commissioner of pensions in which he refers to the widow as the correspondent's mother.



Handwritten signature of Harris Tyser in cursive script.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]