Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Turk W4357 Margaret fn21SC
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[fn p. 4: family record]

Panina Hamilton was Borne Novem 16 1807

William Turk Was Marrid March the third in the year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty four And in the Eight yeare of the Ameri Can in Dependancy

John Turk was born May ye 4th 1785

Mary Hall Turk Was bron Novem. ye 8th 1787

James [?] Turk was born [illegible] 7th 1791

William Turk was born [illegible] of June 1794

State of Georgia Franklin County

On this 10th day of August A.D. 1852 before me Jonathan Morgan a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and the State aforesaid personally appeared William Turk, aged 58 years past, a resident of the County and State aforesaid and known to me as entitled to full credit, who after being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress of 7th of July 1838: That he is the son of William Turk and Margaret Turk, both now deceased: That he has always understood and fully believes that his father was a soldier of the Revolution in the State of South Carolina: That at the time of the commencement of said war his father lived in Abbeville District in said State, that he has always understood from his mother, and from those who were with him in said service, that he volunteered soon after the beginning of said war, and served all or nearly all the time and until peace was made.

That at different times during the war his said father was under the command of Colonel Anderson, Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], and General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. That in the forepart of the war he served as private -- that he served in the Cavalry for some length of time: that he was promoted to the office of Adjutant, and that during the latter part of the war he served as Captain. That he was at the siege of Augusta was with Sumter in 1780 when his corps were surprised & dispersed and several other important battles that deponent cannot positively designate. All of the above statement deponent has repeatedly heard made by those who were with his father in said war. That in the month of September 1815 deponent was at the house of General Pickens in Pickens District South Carolina, that while there said Pickens talked a great deal to him about his said father: that he had been in the service with him a great deal. That his said father had performed much valuable service to the country. That he was always a faithful, ready and brave soldier: And deponent further states: that while his father acted as Captain under Colonel Anderson said Colonel issued written orders to his father in regard to certain soldiers.

and some communication the original copy of which is herewith presented: He also presents a certificate of recommendation which General Pickens gave him some time after the war to show that he was a true Whig and a friend to liberty: And deponent further declares: that his father William Turk was married to him Margaret Archibald in Iredell County North Carolina on the 3rd day of March 1784, as will appear from the original family record of his said father and mother in their old Bible. That said record as deponent has always been told & believes is in the hand writing of his father, and that it has undergone no change since his earliest recollection. And he further states that after their marriage as stated above his parents settled in Abbeville District South Carolina, that they moved to Georgia Franklin County in February 1792 where his said father died the 10th day of April 1795, leaving his mother a widow, that she never afterwards married, but remained his widow until her death which occurred on the 13th day of November 1842, leaving deponent William Turk, and Mary H. Hamilton formerly Mary H. Turk her only surviving children:

S/ William Turk

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written: and I certify that it is entirely impracticable for the declarant to attend the court and that the 4th line of 2nd page was interlined before signing.

S/ Jonathan Morgan, JP

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These are there for to Comand and Charge you in the Name of the Thirteen united States of america to apre hen [apprehend] John Northumberland Before me to mak answer to the Charg Laid gainst him so that He may be brought to justice given under my hand this 8th Day of Sept. in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hunred And Eighty one

S/ John Baltimore

Adam Hill
Saml. Foster Junr
Moses McCarley
Henry Loask
Mathew Young
Saml. Faser Ser
Thos Mils
Gerge Stoks
Wm Lesley
Wm Alxander

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2d of Sept^r 1781

Sir

As Majr Purdue¹ & Capt McIlhenny² [one or more indecipherable words] Lie wounded & in a helpless Condition—at Doctor [indecipherable name]

¹ I believe this is Major Field Pardue who is known to have served as a major under Lt. Col. Samuel Hammond in 1781

² I believe this is Capt. James McIlhenny

we also hear that this Doctor as well as them, are threatened by the Tories you will therefore Inrole [enroll] six Men for the purpose of Guarding that place till further Orders, besides two [indecipherable word or words] of Capt. McIlheneys which are [indecipherable word or words] Armed

To [indecipherable word] Wm McCarley has more guns than he [indecipherable word] give an order to McKeddy³ for me. If he has more you will get them to arm those two men, if you need ammunition send here for a Little. I have given the Doctor [balance of sentence illegible] would be tedious in these orders. I am Sir your most Obedient

S/Robt Anderson

To. Capt. Wm Turk

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These may Certify that the Bearer hereof has lived in this Neighborhood these several years past and has always behaved himself in a sober honest manner so far as came to our knowledge and a Friend to the United States through the whole of the Late Contest, and as he viz. William Turk intends Traveling into the State of North Carolina is expected he will have permission to pass and repass unmolested he being as a good Citizen.

Long Cane 6th January 1784

S/ And^w Pickens

S/ John Bowie

S/ John Harris

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³ Could be a reference to <u>Thomas **McKiddy (McKedy)** R6757A</u> who is known to have served under Robert Anderson.