Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Tabor W6245
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Susannah Tabor

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The State of Alabama, Bibb County SS

On this Sixteenth day of October in the year 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Ptolemy T. Harris, Judge of the Circuit Court, now sitting, William Tabor, a resident of the County & state aforesaid, aged Seventy one years, last January, 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated --

In the Summer of 1780, he entered the service in a light-horse Company, commanded by Alexander Irvine [Alexander Irvin], who was under the Command of Colonel Charles McDowell, who afterwards was promoted to the office of General. He at that time resided in the County of Burke, in the State of North Carolina. He entered as a volunteer. The company to which he belonged, was engaged principally in ranging through the County in which this applicant resided, routing little knots & settlements of British & Tories. He did not at that time go out of the County – and continued in the service about two weeks.

Some time in the latter part of the year 1780, this applicant's father with whom he then lived, removed from the County of Burke to the County of Rutherford. About the month of January or February 1781, this applicant again volunteered in the service – he joined a company & in February (he thinks), he was chosen Ensign of it and served in that capacity for some two or three months under the command of Lieutenant Ursery [?] & Captain John Anderson. About the beginning of the summer of that year Lieutenant Ursery resigned, and this applicant immediately succeeded in his place. In the latter capacity he served some six or eight months longer (in tours of three months each) under the same Captain. This Company was also principally confined to the County in which it was organized and chiefly engaged in guarding and defending the outer settlements, that were exposed to the incursions of the Indians.

This applicant was not engaged in any considerable battle. He consequently knew personally, but few of the regular officers, not having served immediately under them. He however mentions the name of Col. Washington [William Washington] and General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] has distinguished personages engaged near him. The orders by which the Company from Rutherford, to which he belonged, were governed, were given by Colonel Robin Porter [Robert Porter].

Applicant states that he has no documentary evidence of his service. He has had discharges; but not expecting to have any use for them he took but little care of them and does not now know what has become of them. He knows no person, except John Tubbs and Susannah Tabor, this applicant's wife, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ William Tabor, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

S/ David S. Lipscomb, Clk

[Susannah Tabor gave an affidavit in support of her husband's application.]

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The Answers of William Tabor, an applicant for a pension to the Interrogatories prescribed by the war Department --

Ans: to 1st Int: I was born in Orange County in the State of North Carolina, on the 4th day of January 1761.

Ans: to 2nd Int: I have a record of my age in my family Bible. It is at my house in Bibb County Ans: to 3rd Int: My Statements contained in my Declaration here exhibited show, where I was living at the several times I was called into service – I continued to reside in Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina, for five or six years after the Revolutionary War. I then removed to Granville District in the State of South Carolina, where I resided about one year. From thence I removed to Pendleton District in the same State, where I resided about 13 years. From thence I removed into the State of Tennessee, Franklin County where I resided about six years. I then lived alternately in Dixon, Davidson & Franklin counties for about four or five years longer. Thence I removed to the County of Shelby in the State of Alabama – made two crops there -- & removed to the County of Bibb, where I have resided ever since.

Ans: to 4th Int: I volunteered.

Ans: to 5th Int: In answer to this Interrogatory, I refer to my declaration which is here exhibited. Ans: to 6th Int: I had a discharge. It was not given me by my own Captain, but by Captain Neville, my own Captain, Alexander Irvine, being absent, when I hired for, a short time, a substitute. I do not know what has become of it. When I was elected Ensign I received a Commission, also when I became Lieutenant. They were both signed by Colonel Robin Porter. They also are either lost or destroyed.

Ans: to 7th Int: I refer to John Hunt, Ransom McElroy, Samuel W. Mardis, William Sawyers & Robert Parker.

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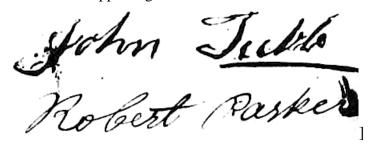
John Tubb a resident Citizen of the County of Peer he in the State aforesaid, being duly sworn in open Court says, that about the year 1780, '81 & '82 & for a considerable time afterwards, he resided in the County of Rutherford, in the State of North Carolina. He recollects that in the course of that time, William Tabor, who makes the foregoing application, was engaged in the service of the United States for a considerable length of time; but he does not recollect how long – He recollects that he became Lieutenant and served in the Company commanded by Captain John Anderson. He recollects to have heard of the return of said Tabor – and he never heard but that he was honorably discharged – It was the general opinion of his neighbors, as well as this affiant recollects, that he had served faithfully.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 16th day of October 1832

S/ John Tubb

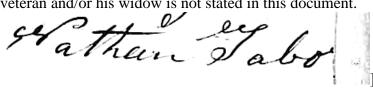
[John Tubb, a clergyman (same man as above judging by the signature), and Robert Parker gave

the standard supporting affidavit.



[p 7: On February 1, 1847 in Winston County Mississippi, Susannah Tabor, 85, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Tabor, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Rutherford County North Carolina on July 5, 1781; that they were married by Joseph Kamp, an ordained minister of the gospel; that she has no record of her marriage and knows of none; that her husband died in Winston County Mississippi June 4, 1844 in the 83rd year of his life; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On February 1, 1847 in Winston County Mississippi, Uriah Berry and Nathan Tabor gave testimony in support of the widow's application. The relationship, if any, of Nathan Tabor to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated in this document.



[p 16: Finding dated February 18, 1856 by the court of Winston County Mississippi that William Tabor died June 4th, 1844 while a pensioner of the United States; that he was survived by his widow Susannah Tabor who has since died leaving the following children surviving: Nathan, Elijah, John, William, Mary Smith, Melinda Barry and Caren Kellum; and that Melinda has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Susannah Tabor.]

[Facts gathered from the file:

Veteran married Susannah Tubb, daughter of George and Mary Tubb. She was born October 11, 1781. She obtained a widow's pension on her application dated February 1, 1847 while residing in Winston County, Miss., she died January 31, 1852.

Children of the veteran and his wife:

John born April 18, 1832

Susan birth date not stated

Mary birth date not stated married a Smith

William birth date not given

Elizabeth birth date not given

Karen Happy or Cairon Happy born April 23, 1795, married a Kellum

Nathan born August 3, 1797

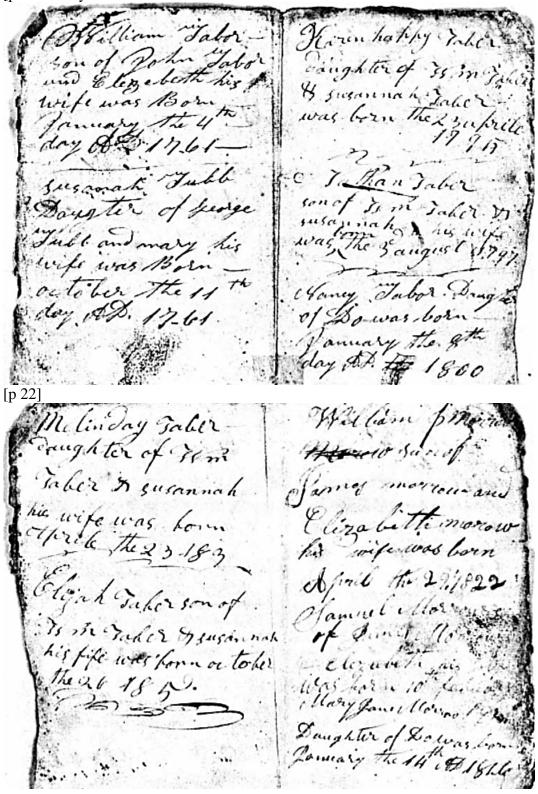
Nancy born January 8, 1800

Melinda born April 23, 1803, married Uriah Barry

Elijah born October 26, 1805

John, William, Nathan, Elijah, Mary Smith, Cairon Kellum and Malinda Barry survived their mother.]

[p 21: family record:



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as an Ensign for 2 months and as a Lieutenant for 6 months, all in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]