Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Horatio Turpin¹ W6333 Mary A. f31VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/4/12

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Caps District of Columbia County of Washington: SS

On this 7th day of October personally appeared before the Orphans Court of the District of Columbia, Washington County, Mary A. Turpin a resident of Gallatin County in the State of Kentucky aged 68 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 3rd February 1853, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War, that she is the widow of Horatio Turpin who was an Ensign of Infantry in the Virginia Continental line in the war of the Revolution. She also states that her said husband was promoted to the rank of a Captain. That he entered the service in the state of Virginia and served under and served from an early period of the war to near its close at different periods she is unable to state how much service he actually were rendered. She further declares that she was married to the said Horatio Turpin on the day of April 1803; that her said husband died on the eighth day of October 1826; in the County of Gallatin and State of Kentucky; that she was not married to him prior to the second of January 1800 but at the time stated above.

She further declares that she is now a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before

S/ Mary A Turpin

Mary & Turpin

Sworn to in open Court Test: S/ Ed N. Roach ??

October 6, 1856

District of Columbia County of Washington: SS

On this 22nd day of October 1856 personally appeared before made, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Mary A Turpin aged 68 years, a resident of the County of Gallatin and the State of Kentucky being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Horatio Turpin, deceased, who was an Ensign in the War of the Revolution. That her husband served as much as 14 days for the proof of his said service she refers to her papers on file in the Pension Office, under the act of third February 1853. She further states that she was married to the said Horatio Turpin in the County of Cumberland & State of Virginia on the __day

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of April A.D. 1803 by Reverend Mr. Hopkins a Minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was MaryAnn Bancroft and for the proof of which she also refers to her pension papers under the act third February 1853, as above stated. And that she is still a widow. She has never before applied for, nor received land under this or any other Act of Congress. She has not married since the death of her said husband. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled under the Act passed March 3rd 1855. She requests the Commissioner of Pensions to deliver the Warrant to H. Sampkin her attorney S/ Mary A Turpin

[f p. 10:marriage return and showing that Horatio Turpin and Mary Ann Bancroft were married March 30, 1803 by Charles Hopkins; certified to by the clerk of court of Cumberland County Virginia.]

[f p. 16]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 2nd day of March 1785 in the name of Horatio Turpin as Ensign Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £28.12 delivered to Doctor Turpin and was given, as appears by a copy of the settlement on file in this office, for service from 28 August 1777 to the 11th of March 1778

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 29th day of October 1856

S/G. W. Chitter, Aud. P. Accts.

[No Seal of Office] 6 months & 13 days as Ensign \$64.33

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$64.33 per annum commencing February 3, 1853 for her husband's service as an Ensign in the Virginia service.]