

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Tanner W9503

Martha Lemaster<sup>1</sup>

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State of Indiana, Johnson County

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843 before the Subscriber Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County aforesaid the same being a court of Record and so declared by the Law creating it personally appeared Martha Lemaster formerly Martha Tanner a resident of the said County aged Eighty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1837. That she is the widow of Josiah Tanner who was a private and lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution, that the first time her husband the said Tanner entered the Army was in the Month of May 1780 and on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August of the same year her son Samuel was born. She does not know for what length of time he entered on this first tour but knows he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] in October following where he was wounded in the Arm, that when he was wounded he returned home to get his wounds cured and in the spring of 1781 he again joined the Army and remained in the Army about six months and in the fall of 1781 left the Army and returned home and that was the last of his Services. She thinks he was a lieutenant most if not all the time, that her said husband was in Service about eighteen months with the exception of the time he lost by being wounded. That her said husband was a pensioner but at what rate she does not know nor does she know whether he was pensioned by the United States or by the State of South Carolina in which he performed the services. That her said husband drew no pension after the year 1796, that while they lived in South Carolina her husband was paid his pension.

That for a while but how long she does not know he was a second Lieutenant under a Captain Cardra Magby [sic, Vardry McBee] and she thinks he was all the time he served under Col. Williams [possibly a reference to Colonel James Williams of the Little River Regiment of militia] and Morgan that this Deponent is very old and frail and may be mistaken as to the officers under whom her husband served. She refers to the Records of the Department and to the proof in the Auditor's office of South Carolina for the full particulars in relation to his service.

She further Declares that she was married to the said Josiah Tanner on the first day of December 1771 in Mecklenburg County Virginia, that her husband the aforesaid Josiah Tanner died on the \_\_\_ day of October or November 1807, that she was married to Abraham Lemasters on the \_\_\_ day of September 1826 and that the said Lemasters died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November

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<sup>1</sup> Former widow

1837 and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said Lemasters, that the annexed Record is taken from the family Bible and has been in her possession and keeping, that the same was written 30 years ago by Matthew Tanner or by Daniel Dawson which of them she is not sure and has been in her keeping since.

Subscribed and sworn to this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1843 before me  
S/ John Smily, Probate Judge

S/ Martha Lamaster



[pp 8-9: Bible Record –transcribed from the abstract given by the War Department because the original is illegibly faint (but see the Ancestry.com images which are much more legible)]

Sally Tanner born October 30, 1773

Lucy Tanner born April 25, 1775

Martha Tannerborn August 7, 1777

Matthew Tanner born January 11, 1779

Samuel Tanner born August 15, 1780

Ann Tanner born October 11, 1783

Elizabeth Tanner born February 18, 1786

Creed Tanner born February 24, 1788

Mary Tanner born December 15, 1789

Kezia Tanner born April 29, 1792

John Tanner born \_\_\_\_\_

Eleanor Tanner born March, 1797

Thomas Tannar born December 3, 1802

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State of Indiana, Johnson County

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1843 before they Subscriber Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Martha Lemaster a resident of said County aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, and the Act explanatory of said Act passed March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1837. That she was married to Josiah Tanner – who was a Lieutenant in the service of the United States in the State of South Carolina. That she is not able to state personally how long her husband served, but her best Recollection he served eight months under Captain Cradra McBee or Magby [sic, Vardry McBee] in the year 1780. That her said husband served she thinks 10 months in the same service under the same Captain and in Colonel Williams [James Williams'] Regiment. That her husband the said Josiah was wounded in the Right Arm at the Battle of King's Mountain. That she had been under the impression that her said husband was a pensioner in South Carolina but supposes she was mistaken. That she remembers very well that while her husband was a resident of South Carolina he went before two magistrates on some business connected with a pension or an application for a pension. Her said husband entered the service some time in the month of May 1780 and on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August following her son Samuel was born as shown by her family Record. That her husband's service was performed in 1780 and 1781 in the fall of which year he

left the Army entirely, that his whole service was performed between May 1780 and late in the fall of 1781 except that he was at home a short time to get well of wounds in the Arm which he got at Battle of King's Mountain during which sickness she nursed and took care of him. She does not Recollect with certainty whether he done any duty as a private or not. She pointedly alleges that her husband Josiah Tanner served eight months in the year 1780 as a Lieutenant under Captain McBee or Magby in Colonel Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment as aforesaid commencing in the month of May in that year and 10 months in the years 1780 & 1781 under Captain Cradra McBee or Magby in Col. Williams Regiment in the service of the State of South Carolina. She further Declares that she was married to the said Josiah Tanner on the first day of December 1771 at the house of Colonel Mansford in Mecklenburg County Virginia by a preacher of the Gospel that she is the mother of Sally or Sarah Crittenden of Bartholomew County Indiana who is 70 years of age and the widow of Richard Crittenden. That her husband the aforesaid Josiah Tanner died on or about the first day of November 1807, that she was afterwards married to Abraham Lemaster who died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> [could be 8th] day of November 1837 and that she has remained a widow from the death of said Lemaster to the present time and is still a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ John Smily, Probate Judge Johnson County

S/ Martha Lemaster

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State of Indiana, Bartholomew County

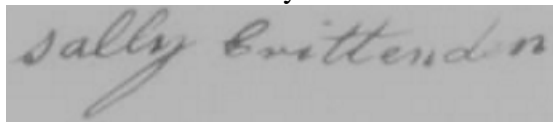
On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1843 personally appeared before me John B. Bowles a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Bartholomew aforesaid Sally Crittenden aged seventy years the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1843 and a Resident of the said County of Bartholomew who being by me duly sworn upon her Oath says that she is the Daughter of Josiah Tanner now Deceased and Martha Tatum his widow now the widow of Abraham Lemasters the person said Martha Tanner or Martha Lemasters above hereto annexed that as well as she can now recollect her father the said Josiah Tanner Died some time in the fall of 1807 and that said Josiah Tanner and Martha Tanner his wife to live together as husband and wife from her earliest Recollection until his death and has often heard her father and mother say that they were married in Mecklenburg County Virginia at Colonel Robert Munford's without a License but by publishing three times in the Church by Passin Sample whom she says she has seen and heard preach often and she further says that she recollects when her father the said Josiah Tanner entered the service of the revolutionary war in South Carolina some time in the month of May and as well as she can recollect in the year 1781 under Captain Varda Magby [Vardy McBee] under the command of General Morgan and says that she recollects of his being in the Battle at King's Mountain and that he came home from said Battle of King's Mountain wounded in the Right arm and that the Tories had plundered the House so that he had no clothes to change himself and when his wounds was cured he returned to the Army she said as she recollects well of her father going with a letter from Morgan to Colonel Washington at Charlottesville [sic] in North Carolina to come and meet said Morgan with his light Horse at the Cowpens she says he came by home and she heard him tell her mother where he was going and what for and further says that her father the said Josiah Tanner was in the service about Eighteen months and that he was a second Lieutenant and as well as she can recollect her father the said Josiah Tanner drew a Pension for about 13 years when Living in South Carolina and drew none since which is near fifty years ago

and further says that her husband Richard Crittenden was a Pensioner and that she is now an applicant for a pension.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the sixth day of September A.D. 1843.

S/ John D. Bowels, JP {SEAL}

S/ Sally Crittenden



Comptrollers Office

Columbia South Carolina October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1843

Dear Sir

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ulto is to hand

Indent X

No. 1150 Is for Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Days corresponding with  
the Acct. No. 80

I exceedingly regret the error, and without delay have transmitted you a corrected copy.

There was such an officer as Colonel Williams – Captain Carary McBee might for a time, have been under Colonel Williams command, though attached to Roebuck's Regiment.

Mr. Tanner Rec'd his Pension for 12 years attended to from the General Government.

It was necessary that his papers should have been, as he stated, authenticated annually, and that he should receive his money in Charleston, which was then, this location of the Commissioner of Pensions for the General Government.

This is demonstrable from the fact, that his name is no where recorded in the Books of the State Treasury.

Very Resptly

For Comptroller Genl.

S/ J. Laval

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Comptroller General's Office

Columbia February 2/ 44

Book X

Indent No. 1150: Issued the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 1785 to Josiah [sic] Tanner for Seventy Six Pounds three shillings and six pence for Two Hundred and thirty seven days duty as Lieut. of Horse in Capt. McBee's Company, Roebuck's Regt. in 1780 as pr. acct. audited No. 80—Principl. £76:3:6  $\frac{3}{4}$

Int. 05:6:7

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Acct. No. 80

Josiah Tanner for Two Hundred and Thirty seven days Duty as Lieutenant of Horse in Captain McBee's Company Roebuck's Regiment between the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1780 and the first of July 1781 @ 45/pr day=£533:5—Sterlg. £7 6:3:6  $\frac{3}{4}$

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Record of this office.

For Comptroller Genl.

S/ J Laval

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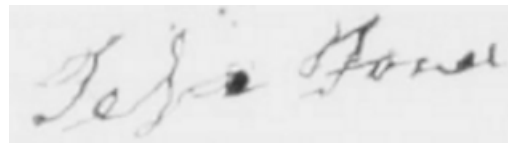
State of Kentucky, Trimble County

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Jesse Force a resident of the County of Trimble and State of Kentucky aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath says that he knew Josiah Tanner in his lifetime that he first knew him in the State of South Carolina. That he heard the said Josiah Tanner while in South Carolina say that he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain and that he was wounded in one of his arms in said Battle, that he has never heard the said Josiah Tanner say whether he was a private or an officer, but heard the Mrs. Martha Lemaster formerly Martha Tanner say some 15 or 20 years ago that the said Josiah Tanner held a commission as an officer of some kind but don't recollect what rank. That he has heard Mrs. Lemaster formerly Martha Tanner speak of Josiah Tanner drawing a pension while in South Carolina, this he heard her speak of prior to her marriage with Lemaster, that the said Josiah Tanner died more than 25 years ago, don't recollect exactly the number of years, and thinks he died in Jefferson County in this State that he first knew Martha Lemaster formerly Martha Tanner in South Carolina, that the said Josiah Tanner and Martha then his wife lived neighbors to him in South Carolina he thinks as much as 48 years ago. That he lived neighbors to the said Josiah Tanner and Martha his wife three or four years in South Carolina and then they moved to this State (that is) Josiah Tanner and wife and he the said Jesse Force moved here about one year after the said Josiah Tanner and that he knew him in South Carolina and has until his death known them here living together as man and wife that the said Martha Lemaster formerly Martha Tanner and moved from South Carolina to this State, and from here to the State of Indiana in which States she has lived since the war of the Revolution. That he was present at the marriage of Abraham Lemaster to the then widow Martha Tanner in this County then Oldham County and that the said Abraham Lemaster died in Indiana he thinks some four or five years ago.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ Jack Pryor, JP

S/ Jesse Force

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Force", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Elizabeth Force gave an affidavit substantially in keeping with the affidavit of Jesse Force.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$131.64 per annum commencing November 3, 1837 (the date of death of her second husband), for her first husband's service as a Lieutenant of the cavalry in the South Carolina militia.]