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*Townsend John
Elizabeth*

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The depositions of Samuel B. Bigley and his wife Sally taken this 20 day of April 1844 to be used as evidence in favor of the appraiser of Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence for a pension under the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838. Deponents Samuel B. Bigley aged seventy five years and Sally Bigley aged seventy three both separately and saith that they were well acquainted ^{with} John Lawrence deceased & his widow Elizabeth whose maiden name before marriage was Backedor the deponents lived near the said Elizabeth's father and was at the wedding when the said John Lawrence & Elizabeth was married and saw them married which marriage took place in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia in the summer of seventeen hundred and eighty four (1784) And further saith not

Samuel B. Bigley
mark

Sally Bigley
mark

State of Kentucky }
Washington County } et

The above depositions of Samuel B. Bigley & Sally Bigley were severally sworn to and subscribed before me this undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Washington and State aforesaid And I certify the said Samuel B. Bigley and Sally Bigley are both persons of truth and veracity

Given under my hand this 20 day of April 1844
James Scott J.P.M. 6

The deposition of William Townsend a resident of Adair County Ky taken at the residence of Clerk's office in the County of Adair and State of Kentucky to be used as evidence in favour of the application of Mrs Elizabeth Townsend for a pension, under the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838

Deponent being forty seven years old Depose and say, That he is the son of John Townsend and Elizabeth Townsend whose name was Elizabeth Bachelor before her marriage to John Townsend. The deponent further saith that he knew the said John Townsend was a pensioner on the roll of the Kentucky agency at the time of his death, and that the aforesaid John Townsend died on the fourth day of August Eighteen hundred and thirty four. And that his mother the aforesaid Elizabeth Townsend has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband the aforesaid John Townsend to the present period. And further saith, not

William Townsend

State of Kentucky }
Adair County } Set

The above deposition was this day sworn to and subscribed by William Townsend before me James Miller a Justice of the peace for the County of Adair and State aforesaid. And I certify that the said Townsend is a man of good moral character and a person of truth and veracity.

Given under my hand this 6th day of May 1839

James Miller J. P. A.

State of Kentucky
Adair County 9 820

On this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord
and thousand eight hundred and twenty six John
Townsend personally appeared in the Circuit Court for
the Circuit and County of Adair where said Court was
in session being a Court of record he the said Townsend
being a resident of said County and aged about sixty
five years, who being first duly sworn according to law
doth he and oath make the following declaration in or-
der to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress
of the 19th of March 1815 and the 1st of May 1820.
That he the said Townsend enlisted for and during the
War of the American Revolution on the 9th day of
July in the year 1780 in the County of Berkeley and
State of Virginia in the Company of Cavalry Command-
ed as well as he now remembers by Captain Watzin
the Regiment Commanded by Col^l White in the line
of the State of Virginia and the Continental establish-
ment that he continued to serve until the close of
the War, when he received a discharge at Winchester
Frederick City Virginia by general proclamation and
was never again called into service. That he states that
he is by Occupation a farmer but that he is now
so aged and infirm that he can not support him-
self by it, and that he is in such indigent Circum-
stances as to be unable to support himself without
the assistance of his Country. That he has a Wife who

as old Parker and no other family. And in pur-
 suance of the act ^{the} 1st of May 1800 I the said
 John Townsend do solemnly swear that I was a
 Resident Citizen of the United States of America
 on the 18th day of March 1815 & that I have not
 since that time by gift sale or in any manner dis-
 posed of my property or any part thereof with
 intent thereby to diminish it as to bring my-
 self within the provisions of an Act of Congress
 entitled an Act to provide for Certain persons engaged
 in the land and naval service of the United
 States in the revolutionary War passed on the 15th
 day of March 1815 and that I have not nor has any
 person in trust for me any property or securities,
 contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any in-
 -come other than what is contained in the schedule
 here annexed and by me subscribed. He also
 states that he was in the battle of Guilford in
 an engagement at a Widow Gibbons in Georgia and
 Comber river in a skirmish in South Carolina.

The following is the schedule of my property and con-
 -tains the whole of it. Two beds \$10 each \$20
 One Bureau 4
 Three cases & two chairs 22
 An old disordered mare 15

\$ 61

John ^{his} Townsend
 made
 day of September 1806

Sworn to in open Court this

19848
Kentucky

John Jamison

of Adams Co. in the State of Kentucky
who was a Private in the Company commanded
by Captain Watts of the regiment commanded
by Colonel White in the Virginia
line, for the term of during the war
from the 9th July 1780 to April 1783

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of \$ Dollars per month, to commence on
the 6th day of October 1827

Certificate of Pension issued the 22nd of December
1827 and sent to Hon. R. A. Buckner of the
House of Representatives.

Arrears to 4th of
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4th March 1828 \$39. 72

\$39. 72

Revolutionary Claim,
Acts March, 18, 1818,
and May 1, 1820.

7483.

Indiana.

Elizabeth Townsend,
widow of John Townsend -
who was a private,
in the Virginia line,

Feb 1
Wm W J Brown
Oct 6 1848

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
80 Dollars
Cents per annum, to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1843.

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Date of widow's death not
on R

Certificate of Pension issued the
22 day of Dec. 45
and sent to S. F. J. Trabee,
Frankfort
Ky-

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

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State of Kentucky Adams County Et

On the 13th day of September in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and twenty two John Townsend personally
appeared in the Circuit Court for the town and
county of Adams which said Court was
in session, being a Court of record, he the
said Townsend being a resident of said County
and aged about forty five years who being
first duly sworn according to law doth
in his oath make the following declaration
in order to obtain the premium made by the
act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and
the 5th of May 1820 that he the said Town-
send enlisted for and during the war of the
American Revolution on the 9th day of
July in the year 1780 in the County of Berkeley
and State of Virginia in the Company of
volunteers commanded as well as to now
commanded by Captain Watts in the Regiment
commanded by Colonel Howe in the line of
the Army of Virginia and the Continental Congress
and that he continued to serve until the close
of the war when he received a few months rest at Washing-
ton District City Virginia by General Mifflin
Lewis and was never again called into service
He states that he is by occupation a farmer but
that he is now so aged and infirm that

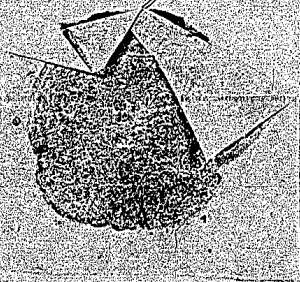
that he could not support himself by it and
that he is in such indigent circumstances
as to be unable to support himself without
the assistance of his country. He has a wife,
who is old and infirm and no other family
and in pursuance of the act of the first of May
1870 I do swear John Saunders do solemnly swear
that I was a resident citizen of the United States
of America on the 18th day of March 1818. D.
but I have not since that time by gift sale or in
any manner disposed of my property in any
part thereof with intent thereby to diminish
it as to being myself within within the provisions
of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide
for certain persons engaged in the land and
naval services of the United States in the revolu-
tionary war passed on the 18th day of March
1818, and that I have not had any person in trust
for me any property or securities or debts or
debts due to me, nor have I any income other
than what is contained in the Schedule here re-
ferred to and by me subscribed. He also
states that he was in the battle of Guilford in
an engagement at a man called Cuthers in Virginia
I can be out of view in a skirmish which is in
South Carolina
The following is the Schedule of my property D and

contains the whole of it
two beds \$10 each and bureau of the three boxes
and two boxes of 22 each and old disordered
more \$15 total value of \$40

John W. Truman Clerk

Sworn to and open to court this 11th day of September 1896
State of Kentucky
Circuit Court of 3^d Dist

I, Truman, do hereby certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said
Truman and I did serve in the revolutionary war
and in the preceding declaration against
the common enemy during the ^{war} in the continent-
tal establishment. I do also certify that the fore-
going facts and the schedule therein annexed
are truly copied from the records of the said Court
and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said
Court that the total amount in value of the property
exhibited in said schedule is eighty dollars and that
the names by whom the foregoing facts were attested
are worthy of credit.



In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affirmed
the seal of the said Circuit Court
on this 6th day of October 1897
and 31st year of the term now in aid.

Wm. Caldwell

State of Indiana
Shelby County }
Set

On this the Twenty day of March 1839
Personally appeared before me, Joshua B. Lucas a Justice of the
peace for the County of Shelby and State aforesaid Elizabeth
Townsend a resident of the County of Shelby and State aforesaid
aged about Eighty one year 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 7, 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and
pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Townsend
who was a Soldier in the Revolution and a pensioner on the roll of
the Kentucky agents. She further declares that she was married
in Frederic County in the State of Virginia in the year of seventeen
hundred and Eighty three or seventeen hundred and Eighty four.
She knows of no record of her marriage to refer to. That her husband
the aforesaid John Townsend died on the fourth day of August
eighteen hundred and thirty four that she was not married to
him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place
previous to the first of January eighteen hundred and thirty four
viz at the time a how stated. She knows no record of the age of her
husband.

Elizabeth J. Townsend
1839

State of Indiana }
Shelby County }
Set

The above declaration of Elizabeth Town-
send was this day subscribed and sworn to before me the unders-
igned Justice of the peace for the County of Shelby and State
aforesaid And I certify that she is a woman of good Moral
Character and a widow of truth and Veracity and that in
consequence of old age and bodily infirmity she is unable
to attend Court

Given under my hand this 20th day of March 1839

Joshua B. Lucas J. P. C.

State of Indiana

Shelby County Oct

1840

On this the 19th day of August 1840 I personally appeared before me James Clark, an acting Magistrate in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs Elizabeth Townsend a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged supposed to be about Eighty Seven or Eighty Eight years who after being first duly sworn according to law both on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th July 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" To wit That she is the widow of John Townsend deceased who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution and belonged to the Virginia Continental Line, and served as she believes near three years in actual service on account of which he was about the year 1827 - allowed a pension under the act of Congress passed in 1815 at the rate of \$96. per annum and which was paid him at the Kentucky Agency until his death, & since which time this declarant has drawn the arrears due down to the day of his death. That her said husband was a resident of Adair County Kentucky at the time he was allowed said Pension and continued to reside there until his death which took place several years ago this month. That this declarant about the year of 1839 made application for a pension, and then filed such proof of her right thereto as she was able and was material so far as she was unable to do that her application was made through a Mr. Blinn of Harrodsburgh Kentucky, who has as yet not obtained an allowance of her claim, and with whom she respectfully requests of the officers at Washington City no further correspondence should be holden in ref-

erence to her said claim. To the statements and evidence contained in the papers comprising the matter of her aforesaid application, and which papers she presumes are on file in the office of the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions at Washington City, she most respectfully asks leave to refer supporting the same supports her right to said Pensions.

She further states that she was solemnly and lawfully married to her deceased husband, very shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War in the County of Fincastle and State of Virginia, and she thinks the persons named who married them was Frederick Townsend. And which marriage she supposes from her best calculations was celebrated about sixty two years ago. For her eldest child Henry if now living would be above sixty years of age - and her second child Rebecca, now living in Grant County Indiana is about fifty seven years of age & her third child William Townsend now of Adams County Kentucky is about fifty five years of age & John Townsend her fourth child now of the State of Missouri is about fifty three years of age - and her fifth child if now living would be about fifty years of age - and her 6th child Thomas Townsend now of Bartholomew County Indiana is about forty seven years of age - and her 7th child now the wife of Isaac Wilson Esq of Shelby County Indiana was forty four years of age the 5th day of June last and which is her youngest child.

She further states that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim

She also Oathes that she was not married to her said husband before the termination of the last period of his service. But the marriage took place before the first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four (1794) viz. at the time of a - re - stated - and that she has never remarried since the death of her said husband but still continues his widow.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me }
On this the day and year afo. }
- said

Elizabeth ^{her} Townsend
mark

James Clarke J. P.

And I the first Subscribed Justice of the Peace Certify that the foregoing declaration Mrs Elizabeth Townsend is a lady of respectability into all of whose statements the fullest faith and credit should be given. From my knowledge of the family of said declaration, their integrity and respectability, I certify that I do not hesitate a moment to declare my opinion that the above declaration was married so long as 62 years ago to her deceased husband. and the ages of her children I do truly believe are correctly stated by her. I also certify that she is confined at her home from actual bodily disability and is wholly unable to attend Court which is holden at the Town of Shelbyville 16 miles distant.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this the 19th day of August 1845.

James Clarke J. P.

State of Missouri

Shelby County, Mo.

On this the 19th day of August 1845 Personally appeared before me James Clarke an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Shelby and State of Missouri who after being first duly sworn according to law deposed and said that he for the last forty years had been personally and intimately acquainted with Mrs Elizabeth Townsend and family that he married her youngest child who was 44 years of age the 3rd June last that he is acquainted intimately with all the living children of S^r Elizabeth and was raised up & brought up with the most of them and knows that John Townsend is older than this deponent by about 2 years & that said deponent is nearly 51 years of age & that William Townsend is 23 years older than said John who is well known to William not less than 50 years of age and that Rebecca a daughter of said Elizabeth is still older than Mrs by not less than 2 years & she was the 2nd child of said widow Henry who is dead being the oldest child therefore deponent truly believes that said widow was married to her deceased husband near or about 62 years ago. Deponent has often heard her & her dead husband speak of their marriage having taken place directly after the war of 76 and further deponent saith not

Subscribed before me
 on the day and year aforesaid
 James Clarke

Judge Wilson

State of Indiana Shelby County &c

And also came before me
the within subscribed Justice of the Peace, Mrs Ann Willard
a resident of the County aforesaid who after being first
duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that
She is the youngest child of Mrs Elizabeth Townsend who
now lives with deponent, and is the widow of deponent's
Father John Townsend who departed this life about 20
years ago in Adair County Kentucky, deposed was a Re-
volutionary Pensioner of the United States under the Law
of 1818 at the rate of \$96 per annum. That depo-
nent was 4 1/2 years of age the 3rd day of June
last ~~at~~ the 7th child of her said Father and Mother.
The 6th child of her said Father and Mother is Tho-
mas Townsend now of Bartholomew Co. Indiana and
who is now as deponent believes about 47 1/2 years of
age. John the 5th child is dead - John the 4th child
is deponent's brother believes is now about 50 years
of age. William Townsend the 3rd child is now as
deponent truly believes not less than 55 years
of age - And Rebecca the 2nd child de-
ponent truly believes to be between 57 & 58 years
of age - the 1st child Henry is dead. Deponent
is well satisfied that her said Father and Mother
was lawfully and lawfully married about
62 years ago in the State of Virginia. Depo-
nent would also state that her mother has

caused the Clerk of the Court of the County in which she was
married to be addressed and referred to record proof of her mar-
riage, who reports ^{she has} as was ^{informed} that he could find not
the evidence desired. Deponent also states that since the
death of her said Father her said Mother has never again
been married but still continues a widow.

sworn to and subscribed before me } Ann Wilson
On this 19th day of August 1845 }
James Clarke J. P.

and I the Just Subscribed Justice of the Peace certify that
to my personal knowledge both the foregoing de-
ponents Mr Isaac Wilson and his lady Mrs Ann
Wilson are persons of the very first respect-
ability and to all of their statements the fullest
faith and credit should be given. I am
satisfied that every statement they have made
is substantially true.

In testimony whereof
I have hereunto subscribed my name
this the 19th day of August 1845.

James Clarke J. P.

September 22, 1939

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Lieutenant John C. Gordon
104 East Elmsore Place
San Antonio, Texas

JOHN TOWNSEND
W. 9861
BA-J/MB

Dear Sir:

The data which follow in regard to John Townsend were obtained from the papers in the claims for pension under File No. W. 9861, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of John Townsend and names of his parents were not given.

John Townsend enlisted July 9, 1780, in Berkeley County, Virginia, served as private in Captain Watts' company of cavalry, Colonel White's Virginia regiment, was in the battle of Guilford, in an engagement at Widor Gibbons' in Georgia and in a skirmish on the "Cambey" (probably meant for Combahee) River in South Carolina and continued to serve until the close of the Revolutionary War.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed September 14, 1826, at which time he was aged about sixty-five years and a resident of Adair County, Kentucky. He died there August 4, 1834.

John Townsend married in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1783 or in the summer of 1784, Elizabeth Bachelor. The date and place of her birth and names of parents are not shown.

Elizabeth Townsend was allowed pension on account of the Revolutionary War service of her husband, John, on her application executed March 20, 1839, at which time she was aged about eighty-one years and residing in Shelby County, Indiana, where she was still living in 1845.

John Townsend and his wife, Elizabeth, reared a family of

children. The following names of children are shown:

Henry, the oldest, who, had he lived to 1845 would have been about 60 years old.
Rebecca, second child, who in 1845 was over fifty-seven years old and of
Grant County, Indiana.

William, third " " " " was aged about 55 years and of Adair Co., Ky.

John, fourth " " " " " " " 53 years and of State of Mo.

Joel, fifth " " " " would have been about 50 years old, but
had died in Kentucky.

Thomas, sixth " " " " was aged about 47 years and of Bartholomew
County, Indiana.

Ann, seventh " born June 3, 1801, and in 1845 was the wife of Isaac
Wilson, Esquire, then aged fifty years, living in Shelby County,
Indiana, and they had a family of children, the oldest being more
than twenty-seven years of age, names not stated.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension in the case
of Elizabeth Townsend, the name of person paid and possibly the date of
her death, you should write to the Comptroller General, General Account-
ing Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following data:
Elizabeth Townsend, widow of John, certificate #7483, issued December 22,
1845, rate \$80 per annum, commenced March 4, 1843, Act of March 3, 1843,
Indiana Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator