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*Turbee, Caleb
Mary*

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Caleb Farber, Private

Person
July 53 - no. 1260

Capt.

Col. ~~W. Farber~~ May 16/56

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J. Hickman.
Middlebourne.
Va.

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No. 1260
Virginia
Mary Furbee
widow of Caleb Furbee
who served in the Revolutionary war,
as a Private Delaware

Wheeling agency.

Rate 96 Dollars and
cents per annum.

Commencing July 27th 1868

~~deduct payments made since~~

Certificate dated Sept 28th 1869
and sent to David Reichman
Middle town
W. Va

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act Feb-
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Rept
J. N. Smith

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

18th May 1833

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: }.) You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of Caleb Turbee N. A.

Period in which the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Name and rank of the Field Officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
he thinks in 1775. viz up to 6				Private	Capt Sipple	90. and lived Kent Co Delaware lives in W. a Monongalia Co.	Certificate of a Storgymann and one Citizen
From 1776- 8 or 9				Lieut.	Capt Sipple		
1777- returned about 8				Lieut.	Sp. Caldwell Col Pope or Hall in Battle Brandy wine		
that after this he was often out on duty and thinks at last altogether not less than 28 Months				6-	and is confident he served		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

he accounts for loss of Com^{rs}

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Virginia }
County of Giles. } ss

On this 28th day of March
A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, ~~and~~
personally appeared before me a Justice of
the Peace, within and for the County & State aforesaid
Mary Turbee aged about sixty nine years, a resident
of Giles County, in the State of Virginia, who being duly
sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow
of Caleb Turbee, who was a soldier of the Revolution;
that her said husband Caleb Turbee drew a
pension from the Government of the United States, of Eighty
dollars a year as well as she now recollects, for
such service; that she was married to the said Caleb
Turbee, some time, in the latter part of the year 1833,
(she believes in the month of December of said year)
by James Dye, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, in & for
Greene County, State of Pennsylvania, who was autho-
rized by the laws of said State of Pennsylvania, to cele-
brate the rites of matrimony therein; that her name
before she was married was Mary Semasters;
that her husband the said Caleb Turbee died, about
the 16th day of April 1837, that she has no record of
her age, nor of her marriage with the said Caleb
Turbee; But refers, in support of her present applica-
tion to her declaration & the proofs filed therewith, which
was made in 1863, to obtain a pension, as the widow of
the said Caleb Turbee, and especially, she refers, to the
Will of the said Caleb Turbee attached to her said
declaration, as proof of her being his widow - The
genuineness of which will can be easily established (as
she believes) by a comparison of the signature to the
said Will & the said Caleb's signature's to the Powers
of Attorney given to persons to draw his pension, from
time to time, & on file, in the Pension Department, at
Washington; She further declares on oath; that she is
the identical Mary Turbee, to whom a certificate of Pension

was granted as the Widow of the said Caleb Turbee,
by the Government of the United States, for Eighty Dollars
a year numbered 1260, and dated the 11th day of August
1853 - that she is still the widow of the said Caleb
Turbee - unmarried -

She makes this declaration for the purpose
of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be
entitled under the act approved the 3rd day of March
1855; she also declares that she has never applied
for nor received any bounty land under this, or any
other act of Congress

Mary ^{nee} Turbee
mark

We William Swan & David Hickman, residents
of Middlebourne, Tyler County, in the State of Virginia,
upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration
was signed and acknowledged by Mary Turbee,
in our presence, and that we believe, from the ap-
pearance and statements of the applicant, that she
is the identical person she represents herself to be.

Wm Swan
David Hickman

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn
to and subscribed before me on the day and year
above written; and I certify that I know the affi-
ants to be credible persons; that the claimant is
the person she represents herself to be, and that
I have no interest in this claim.

J. M. Swan J. P.

State of Virginia,
County of Tyler }
I, David Hickman, Clerk
of the County Court of Tyler, in the State of Virginia,
do certify that Randolph R. Swan, before whom the fore-
going declaration of Mary Turbee, and affidavits of Wil-
liam Swan & David Hickman, appears to have been made,

State of Virginia }
County of Monongalia } 86.

On this 28th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the County court of Monongalia now sitting Caleb Furber, a resident of said county aged eighty years, 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 believes that it was in the year 1775 when the enemy first came into the Delaware, he volunteered to go upon the beach between Motherkill and Jones creeks on the Delaware bay, where we had an encampment, under the command of Capt. Sipple, a militia officer, in the Delaware militia, that he was discharged by Capt. Sipple in the last of November, having served upwards of six months - during all this term we guarded the shore to prevent the enemy from landing -

That in the spring of the year 1776, he was commissioned as a lieutenant in Capt. Sipples company by the Hon^{ble} Governor Radnor of Delaware, and about the last of April 1776, he received orders from his captain who had received orders from the said Governor, to march to the same place, that he had the previous year been at - that he marched and took command of about fifteen of his company, the captain refusing to go, - that in June he with his company had an engagement with the enemy, at the mouth of Muskmellon creek, and succeeded in preventing them from landing - that he thinks that it was in July, we had another engagement, at Shirleys bar on the bay shore, that the enemy cannonaded us severely, and he was near being killed by a cannon ball, but we succeeded in preventing the enemy from landing out of their boats - that late in the fall and after the shipping left the bay, we returned home, being at this service about eight or nine months -

That about the month of May 1777 when the enemy shipping returned into the Delaware, Gov. Radnor sent him orders to march to the bay and guard the coasts, that he immediately marched with about fifteen men under his command, and remained guarding the coast, until the enemy landed at the head of Elk which he believes was in July, - he received orders from the Governor to head the enemy, he accordingly marched, and joined the Delaware regiment at Christreen

creek. commanded by Cr. Pope or Co. Hall. that he and his men were attached
 to a company commanded by Capt. Caldwell - that he headed the enemy
 untill we met at the battle of Brandy wine in which engagement he was in
 the Delaware regiment being on the right wing - that after the battle because
 the enemy having returned into the Delaware Bay, with their shipping, he with his
 men again marched back to that bay - that the enemy being in possession of
 Philadelphia, and the bay, a man by the name of Chaney Elor a Tory, collected
 a large company, and built a fort, at the head of Chester river - that he was or-
 dered by the Governor, who headed the troops, amounting to near two hundred, to march
 and take the fort of Elor which we succeeded in doing, but Elor escaped to the
 enemy, but was afterwards caught and hung - that he thinks this fort was taken
 in December 1777 - that after this he returned home, after an absence of about
 eight months.

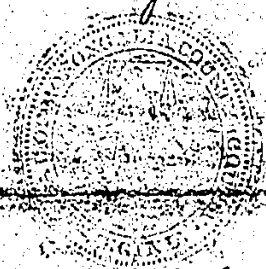
That frequently after the year 1777 and during the revolution, he volunteered to
 go out against the enemy, the refugees and Tories, and thinks that it was not less
 than six months he was employed in this kind of service - that during the year 1778
 he was taken prisoner by the refugees, but was discharged in a few days.
 He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension, or an annuity except the
 present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency
 in any state.

I sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Caleb Furbee

And the said court, do hereby declare their opinion, that the above named applicant
 was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

Thomas S. Ray, clerk of the County court of
 Monongalia, do hereby certify, that the foregoing
 contains the original proceedings of the said court,
 in the matter of the application of Caleb Furbee
 for a pension. In testimony whereof, I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 28th of August in the year 1832
 and 57th year of the Commonwealth



Thos. S. Ray

State of Virginia }
County of Monongalia } ss. On this 25th day of February, in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the County court of Monongalia now sitting, Caleb Furbee, the same person named in the foregoing declaration, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in addition to his former one, That he was born on the 22^d of November, in the year 1752 in Kent county Delaware, on the Delaware bay, within three miles of the sea - that the record of his age is recorded in fathers bible now in the possession of ^{his father} Hailman, living in Tyler county Virginia - that he always lived in Kent county when ordered into the service of the United States, and removed from that county, into the county of Monongalia aforesaid, in the year 1790 - that he recollects the names of the following regular officers, in the Delaware state Col. Pope, Col. Hall, Col. Richardson, Genl. Payne, Mercer, Smallwood - Major Laughon - Capt. Kirkwood, John Rhodes, - Major of Delaware regiment and many others whose names he has forgotten - that his company joined Col. Richardson's regiment at Christen, but he cannot recollect the names of his officers, altho' we were together sometime, and in the battle of Brandywine - that he recollects Col. Rhodes, Lieut. Col. Philip Carratt, Major Gibbs, Capt. Manny, Caldwell, Gray, Perry of the Delaware militia regiment - That has been fifty one years, a member of the Methodist church - That he preserved his commission, untill about eight years ago, when it was destroyed by a grand child - that he has for a long time been personally acquainted with the Rev. Joseph A. Shackelford, Richard Harrison, Charles Simpkins, Simeon Eversly esq. and other aged and respectable citizens of said county, who he believes can testify to the general belief of his services in the Revolution -

That he is confident, that he served altogether in the Revolution, a term not less than twenty eight months - Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Caleb Furbee

We Joseph A. Shackelford, a clergyman residing in the county of Monongalia aforesaid, and Richard Harrison, residing in the same county, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Caleb Furbee, who has subscribed and sworn, to the above declaration - that we believe him to be eighty years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
J. A. Shackelford

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories, prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. And the court further

State of Virginia
County of Tyler

On this 11th day of April 1853,
personally appeared before ^{the Justice of the} ~~the~~ County Court of
Tyler, Mary Turbee, a resident of the said County
of Tyler, aged about sixty seven years, who being
duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath,
make the following declaration, in order to ob-
tain the benefit of the provisions made by the
act of Congress, passed the 3rd day of February
1853; that she is the widow of Caleb Turbee, who
was a Soldier of the Revolution; that the said Caleb
Turbee, drew a Pension from the Government of the
United States ~~of Eighty Dollars a year~~ (as well as she now recol-
lects) of Eighty Dollars a year; that she does not
recollect at what agency (if she ever knew) her husband's
pension was paid at, whether Richmond, or Wheeling
she knows, however that he received his money at
Morgantown, through the agency of some friend who
done his business for him. She further declares
that she was married to the said Caleb Turbee, some-
time in the year One thousand eight hundred & thirty
three, (she thinks in the month of December) by one James
Dye Esquire a Justice of the Peace in the County of Green
in the State of Pennsylvania, who was duly authorized
by the laws of Pennsylvania to celebrate the rites of
Matrimony; that her husband the aforesaid Caleb
Turbee died on or about the 16th day of April 1837;
that she was married to him as above stated, that
she has no record of her own age, nor of the time
of her marriage with the said Caleb Turbee, but offers
in support of her declaration a paper writing purport-
ing to be a Will signed by the said Caleb Turbee a short
time before his death, by which, he bequeathed to her
one mare, one cow, two beds & bedding, and all his
household furniture; by virtue of which Will she retained

all the property named therein, although the will was never proven in Court & established according to law. That after her husband's death, she applied to one ^{Cousin} Edmund or Edward Billingsley of Morgan town Va. to get for her as the widow of the said Caleb Turbee, the pay that was due him from the 4th of March 1837 to the 16th April thereafter, and to enable him to do so, she gave to him her ~~husband's~~ (the said Caleb Turbee's) Certificate of Pension. That the said Billingsley some time afterwards moved away from Monongalia, to the West, & she never got Pension, nor the ^{AN Pension} certificate, she had given him. She further swears that she was a widow at the passage of the act, and is still a widow, and that she has never before made application for a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed in open }
 Court on the day & year first } Mary ^{his} Turbee
 before written } mark

And the Court now here sitting consisting of Josiah Boyce, Presiding Justice, James C Williamson and Thomas Steel do hereby declare that they are of opinion after the investigation of the matter, that the above named applicant is of the age stated by her, and that she is the widow of Caleb Turbee, who was a Revolutionary Pensioner, which is ordered to be certified to the Commissioners of Pensions.

A copy & etc D. Hickman Clerk

State of Virginia }
 County of Giles } ss

I David Hickman Clerk of the County Court of Giles in the State of Virginia aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record in my office, and that the writing attached hereto is the will of Caleb Turbee deceased which

she produced to the said Court, and referred to, in
the foregoing declaration, as the Will of the said
Caleb Furber; and that a paper also attached hereto,
was presented to the said Court, by her, as one of a
number of her husband's papers in her possession with
his signature attached, which she presented as evidence
of the genuineness of the signature of her said husband to the
said Will, and requests a comparison to be made of the
signatures thereto, with her husband's signatures made to
Powers of Attorney, on file in the Pension Office, whereby his
pension had been drawn. In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto subscribed my name, affixed
my seal of Office this 12th day of April
One thousand Eight hundred & fifty three
D. Hickman
Clerk

The above said man and one and
two beds and bedding and all the house
hold furniture I Caleb Furber
senior I give to my wife my
Wife to have and to hold as her
own forever after my Death
As witness my hand &
this twenty second ^{day} of March 1834
Attest Joseph M^{rs} Gale Seal
James Walker

Mr. Thomas P. Bay please to pay over my
pension-money on give my check to
John Brooker as I have appointed
him as my Agent and attorney in all
my business this from your witness
May the 29th 1835
Caleb Gale

January 13, 1940

BA-J/MCS *am*
Caleb Furbee, W.740

Mrs. Marcellin C. Adams
Historical Society Bldg.
Bigelow Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Caleb Furbee who served in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, W.740, based on the Revolutionary War service of Caleb Furbee.

Caleb Furbee was born November 22, 1752, in Kent County, Delaware, on the Delaware Bay "with three miles of the surf." The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Kent County, he enlisted in 1775 and served at various times during the Revolution, amounting to about twenty-eight months in all, as private, ensign and lieutenant with the Delaware troops under Captains Sipple, Caldwell, Manney and Furbee (relationship of Captain Furbee not given) and Colonels Rhodes, Pope and Richardson. Caleb Furbee was commissioned lieutenant in the spring of 1776, as early as April. He was in an engagement at the mouth of Mammelon or Muskmelon Creek (probably meant for Mispillion Creek) and one at Shirley's Bar where he was taken prisoner but was released after being held for fifteen days, and he was in the battles of Brandywine and at the capture of Fort Mifflin at the head of Chester River.

In 1796, Caleb Furbee moved from Kent County, Delaware, to Monongalia County, Virginia, where he was living when he applied for pension August 28, 1832. His claim for pension was allowed.

Caleb Furbee was referred to as Caleb Furbee, Senior, in 1837. He died April 16, 1837.

Caleb Furbee married in December, 1833, in Greene County, Pennsylvania, Mary Lemasters.

She was allowed pension on her application executed April 11, 1853, while a resident of Tyler County, Virginia, at which time she stated that she was aged sixty-seven years. In 1868, she was living in Ellsworth Township, Tyler County, West Virginia, and stated that she was then aged seventy-two years.

In 1833, Caleb Furbee stated that his commission as an officer was destroyed by his grandchild (name not given) about 1825. The name of the former wife of Caleb Furbee is not shown.

In 1833, Waitman Furbee, brother of Caleb Furbee, was living in Tyler County, Virginia, aged eighty-three years, and he stated that he lived in Kent County, Delaware, during the Revolution and served about three months in 1776 under his brother, Lieutenant Caleb Furbee, in Captain Manney's company of volunteers and was in the battle of Musmelin (probably meant for Mispillion) Creek.

In 1833, Caleb Furbee's sister, Ann Davis, aged seventy-seven years and a resident of Monongalia County, Virginia, was the wife of John Davis who was born July 22, 1751, in Kent County, Delaware.

In 1834, one John Davis, aged fifty-six years, stated that he had known Caleb Furbee for the last forty-five years, that from 1798 until 1810 he occasionally lived with him as one of his family and while there Caleb Furbee showed him his commission as lieutenant.

One Dallas Lemasters was living in Tyler County, Virginia, in 1853, relation to widow not shown. In 1868 Elisha and Amos Lemasters of Tyler County, West Virginia, testified in behalf of the widow, Mary Furbee, but their relation to her is not shown. In 1869, one Enoch Lemasters was living in Ellsworth Township, Tyler County, West Virginia, his relation to widow not given.

There are no further discernible family data.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator