

James Turley (1761-1836) P-307893

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James Turley was born 8 January 1761, probably in Fairfax County, Virginia, and died 4 June 1836 in Sangamon County, Illinois. On 10 May 1781, probably in Henry County, Virginia, he married Agnes Kirby. She was the daughter of David Kirby. She was born 3 May 1763, probably in Fairfax County, Virginia, and died 26 December 1832. Fourteen children were born from this marriage. The five oldest were probably born in Virginia before James and Agnes moved to Kentucky. In 1815 James Turley moved from Montgomery County, Kentucky, west into Union County, Kentucky. His oldest children remained in Montgomery County.

On 18 September 1832 James Turley appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County to apply for a pension for service in the Revolutionary War. "I served during the revolution three different tours, and was drafted each time. The first time I entered service I was a resident of Fairfax County, Virginia. I moved to Henry County in 1778 and resided there fourteen years. I move thence to South Carolina where I resided four years, thence to Montgomery County, Kentucky and lived twenty years then to Union and lived five years and thence to County in which I have resided thirteen years."

"I knew old Gen Scott was afterwards Governor of Kentucky and was told by him in Kentucky that he recalled seeing me in the service distinctly. The first and second times I was in the service I was drafted in each instance for three months though I actually served considerably longer. The third time but three weeks. The first time I was drafted I was attached to the Company of Captain Thomas Pollard of Fairfax County, Virginia, we marched to Lancaster Pennsylvania and here I was transferred to the Company of Captain John Seal of the same County. The prisoners taken at Gen. Burgoyne's surrender were then at Lancaster. From Lancaster we marched to York, from thence to Germantown and I was in the action fought at that place. We were then marched to Pigeon Hill and here about the 1st December 1777 we were mustered out of service. The second time I was drafted I was attached to the company of Captain Hill of Henry County, Virginia. This was in the latter part of the spring or early in the summer of 1781. We were marched to the Mobbin Hills near little York, Virginia, and were attached to Colonel Richardson's Regiment. Here we laid until our tour of three months expired. Immediately after this I was drafted the third times and was attached to the Company of Captain Torrence. The Regiment was Commanded by Colonel Lyon from Henry County. We were marched from Williams Mill on the Yadkin either in North Carolina or Virginia. We were part of the force called out to oppose Cornwallis who was then in full march through North Carolina. We were disbanded, however, without effecting anything."

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