

### **Pension Application for Samuel Turner**

R.10764 (Widow: Sarah) They married March 13, 1782. He died December 16, 1838.

Samuel Turner was born March the 22 day in the year of our Lord 1748.

Sarah Turner was born November the 12 day in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

Samuel Turner Junr was born April the 18 in the [year] of our Lord 1783.

John Turner was born March the 14 in the year of our Lord 1785.

David Turner was born April the 5 day in the year of our Lord 1787.

Calvin Turner was born August the 27 in the year of our Lord 1789.

Sally Turner was born December the 22 day in the year of our Lord 1792.

Luthar Turner was born October 15 day in the year of our Lord 1797.

Ephraim M. Turner was born July 30 in the year of our Lord 1804.

State of New York

Cortland county SS.

On the 22d day of September 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber Walton Sweetland a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County the same being a Court of Record Sarah Turner Resident of [Varge?] in said County aged seventy nine years last November.

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 7, 1938 and March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843—Entitled an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Samuel Turner who was a soldier & private in the War of the Revolution.

That he enlisted in the year 1776 under Captain Brewster, Colonel Odell Regiment at the town of Brook Haven in Suffolk County and State of New York and served one year or upwards.

She further says that her said husband belonged to General Washington Army when Long Island was taken by the British.

She further says that her said husband stood as Minut[e] man through the war of the Revolution—She further says that her said husband again enlisted in the month of Jany 1779 under Capt. Wendell Col. VanSchaick's Reg & served until June 1<sup>st</sup> 1780.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Turner In the Town of Brook Haven by Elder Hart on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1782.

That her husband the aforesaid Samuel Turner died on 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1838. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the First of January 1794 viz at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Turner.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before Alton Swettland Judge of Cortland county Courts.

Letter in folder dated March 21, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Samuel Turner, a Revolutionary War soldier from Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, R.107645, based upon the military service of the only Samuel Turner who enlisted from the New York State that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Samuel Turner was born March 22, 1747. The place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

He married at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, March 13, 1782, Sarah, her maiden name not given. She was born November 12, 1766.

Samuel Turner died December 16, 1838, at Virgil, Cortland County, New York.

His widow, Sarah Turner, applied for pension September 22, 1845, while living at Virgil, New York. She alleged that he enlisted at Brookhaven, New York, in 1776 in captain Brewster's company in Colonel Odell's regiment and served "one year or upwards" and that he enlisted in January 1779, under Captain Wendell in Colonel VanSchaick's regiment and served until June 1, 1780. A report from the Office of Secretary of State, Albany, New York, showed that Samuel Turner enlisted January 29, 1779, in the First New York Regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaick, Captain Wendell's company, and deserted May 22, 1780. The claim was not allowed as the company rolls did not show that Samuel Turner ever rejoined his company after his desertion May 22, 1780.

The widow, Sarah Turner, was living in Maine, Broome County, New York in 1849.

Samuel and Sarah Turner had the following children:

Samuel Turner Junr born April 18, 1783.

John Turner was born March 14, 1785.

David Turner was born April 5, 1787.

Calvin Turner was born August 27, 1789.

Sally Turner was born December 22, 1792.

Luthar Turner was born October 15, 1797.

Ephraim M. Turner was born July 30, 1804, resident of Virgil, New York in 1846.