

"BILLY" TIPTON'S FIGHTING RECORD

Served His Country With Dis-
tinction in the Revolu-
tion.

JACOB TIPTON'S CAREER

William C. Tipton's Life Splen-
did Example for
Children.

CARTER COUNTY TIPTONS

Robert Tipton's Devotion to
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in Death.

(By Helen Nelson.)

The pension statement of William Tipton, in Draper's papers, is interesting reading to those who have been deriving from the history of the Tipton family in Tennessee, its proven beyond question on the days of his birth as being in 1741 and establishing his war record. The Draper paper reads:

"William Tipton, of Blount county, Tenn., declaration July 3, 1834, aged seventy-three years. He was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, February 12, 1741. When he lived for about twenty-three years. When he removed to Greene county, Tenn., and after a two or three years residence, he came to Knox county and resided in Knox county about twenty-five years. He then removed to Blount county. In 1778, in the spring, he enlisted in Blount county, Va., in Captain Wall's company, Col. Richard Parker's regiment, marched to Augusta, Ga., and thence to the fall of 1779 to Savannah, his regiment being attached to General Mifflin's brigade. In the attack and capture at that place, October 3, he received three wounds, one a ball through the right shoulder, one through the right hip, and another which broke two of his left ribs. He was sent by water to the hospital at Charleston, S. C., and shortly before Christmas he had there and rejoined his regiment at Augusta. In February, 1780, his regiment marched to Charleston, but Tipton being totally disabled by the wounds he had received, was discharged by Colonel Parker and returned to Shenandoah, having served twenty-three months. He was a Virginia loyalist pensioner."

On January 1, 1835, William Tipton was placed on the invalid pension roll under the "acts military establishment." He received at that time back pay amounting to \$1,191, with an annual pension of \$48. He did not have the payment of his pension transferred from Virginia until April 18, 1834. On April 24, 1835, William Tipton was again placed on the pension roll under the more liberal pension laws of 1835. At this time he received an additional sum, \$165, with an increase of his annual pension to \$63, but this increase did not commence until January 1, 1838. Under the pension laws of 1838, Mr. Tipton seems to have been reduced to his annual allowance to \$18.45. He was then on the pension roll at Knox county. His rank was that of a private, and the branch of service "Virginia Continent Line," age 74 years. As he was placed on this last pension roll March 15, 1854, deducting it from 1834, would make the year of his birth as 1781 so there can hardly be any doubt but what the pension declaration of William Tipton, as given by Draper and the facts gathered by the writer are concerning the same person.

As to whether William Tipton married before coming to Tennessee, the writer is not prepared to say. Probably however, he came to the Watauga settlement with his father, and soon afterwards moved to Greene county, when it is probable that he married Phoebe Moore. About the time the state of Franklin was flourishing in all her glory, "Billy" Tipton came to the region now known as Knox county where he could hear the musical strains of the red man and where he could indulge in his favorite sport of fighting without having to travel so far to reach the enemy. No doubt, he had all the pleasure out of that kind of sport he was looking for as history records some bloodily massacres in Knox county about the time William Tipton settled here.

William and Phoebe (Moore) Tipton raised six boys and one or two girls. The boys were Isaac, Reuben, Jonathan, John Jacob and Abram Butler Tipton. Jonathan Tipton, of this family had a son Hampton Tipton, who was in the Mexican war.

Jacob Tipton, the fifth son of William and Phoebe (Moore) Tipton, married Annie Watson and they raised five boys and two girls. They were named almost simultaneously with Billy Tipton's boys and girls Isaac, Reuben, John, William, Nathaniel, Phoebe, and Annie Tipton.

Isaac Tipton, of the group, married Delaney Jones, a daughter of Louis Jones, of Blount county. Isaac and Delaney Jones Tipton raised five children, Jacob, John, Cynthia, Bertha, and Nathaniel.

Jacob Tipton's Family.

Jacob Tipton, the first son of Isaac and Delaney Jones Tipton, is now 73 years old and lives near where he was born. In the war of 1862-63 Jacob Tipton fought under the banner of the federal army, under the leadership of General Joseph A. Cooper. He was in company A, of the sixth Tennessee infantry, U. S. army. Jacob Tipton was in the battle of Stone river and was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga. He was also in the siege of Knoxville in 1863, was in the Georgia campaign of 1864 and was also with Sherman in North Carolina.

Abraham Butler Tipton, the youngest son of William and Phoebe Moore Tipton, was the father of William C. Tipton, who married Rebecca Jones Doyle. They raised thirteen children.

Abraham Butler Tipton, second oldest son of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, never married. He was a soldier in the Confederate army, in Captain James B. McCollum's company. He was killed in the battle of Chickamauga.

Mary Tipton, the second child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, was the first wife of Prof. Daniel C. Howell, of this city. Mary Tipton Howell left two daughters. Lillian Howell married William Hixman. Ella Howell, the second daughter, married Herman Durand and they reside in Atlanta.

William Tipton, the third child of William C. Tipton and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, was the first wife of the late Samuel P. Plummer, of South Knoxville.

John C. Tipton, the fourth child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, is unmarried and lives in Texas. W. Harrison Tipton, the fifth child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton,

lives, married Miss Taylor. They live at El Paso, Texas, and have four children.

G. L. Tipton, the sixth child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, is dead and has no descendants.

K. G. Tipton, the seventh child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, married Miss Anthony and they lived in Texas.

Linda Tipton, the eighth child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, first married Dr. Davis, and the second time Dr. J. C. Gilchrist. Mrs. Gilchrist has no children.

William C. Tipton, Jr., the eighth child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, married Miss Bell McDonald, and they also went to Texas.

Larry Cyrus Tipton, the ninth child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, married Samuel Haynes.

M. F. Tipton, the tenth child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, married J. C. McClelland and resided in Texas. They have no children.

Collette Tipton, the eleventh child of William C. and Rebecca Doyle Tipton, never married.

R. F. Tipton, the youngest of William C. Tipton's children, died in Texas.

William C. Tipton was of a quiet disposition and left the reputation of being a man of sound religious principles, making his family in the Methodist church, and his children "rise up and call him blessed" for the early religious training they received at his hands. It has been the pleasure of the writer to know, since his early boyhood, some of William C. Tipton's descendants, and he can bear witness of their many virtues.

Abraham Butler Tipton, the youngest son of William and Phoebe Moore Tipton married Miss Ruddy. Their daughter Nancy married Charles Vance and they had one daughter and four sons. The daughter was named Mary and she married Dr. John Forster, and their only child is Mrs. Jennie Phoebe Moore the wife of George P. Moore, of this city.

"Billy" Tipton had one daughter, also named Nancy. She married a Mr. Waterhouse and they had a daughter who married Dr. Thompson and their Mrs. John Crigmon, of Cleveland, who built the beautiful Protestant Episcopal church at Cleveland in memory of her only child, a daughter.

The fact that Col. John Tipton was in the colonial legislature, representing Davidson county, Va., and that "Billy" Tipton served in this American revolution, makes their descendants eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, and also in the Colonial Dames.

Carter County Tiptons.

Owing to some misapprehension the writer overlooked the fact that in last month's mention of the Carter family branch of the Tipton family, Samuel Tipton's grandson, Isaac P. Tipton, who married Miss Ann Powell, together with their descendants are included this week.

Isaac Tipton married Ann Powell, a sister of Col. Columbus Powell, and Mrs. Landon C. Haynes. They lived and died near Elizabethton, Tenn. Mr. Tipton died about 1815. They raised twelve children. The sons were Robert, Powell Tipton, Robert Tipton, Winfield S. Tipton, Thomas J. Tipton, Cornelius Tipton.

Robert and Robert Tipton were married.

Winfield S. Tipton married Bessie Hooper.

Thomas J. Tipton married Miss Coffman.

Cornelius Tipton married Anna Taylor.

The seven daughters of Isaac P. Tipton and Ann Powell Tipton married as follows:

Cornelia married Alfred M. Taylor. Adelaide Tipton married Charles Gordon.

Phoebe Tipton married Col. John R. Miller.

Ella Tipton married John C. Smith.

Mary Ellen Tipton was never married.

Robert Tipton married J. Gregg.

The writer has no record of Josephine Tipton, the youngest of the daughters of Isaac P. Tipton.

This Isaac Tipton, of Carter county, inherited part of the farm of his grandfather, Samuel Tipton, adjoining the K. G. Taylor farm about two miles from Elizabethton, "down the Watauga river."

Robert Powell Tipton, the oldest son of Isaac P. and Anna Powell Tipton, was a captain in the Confederate army. In 1862 General Breckinridge sent Capt. R. P. Tipton to Carter county to break up or drive out of that county a company of "bushwhackers" under the leadership of George Henshaw. They were intimidating the few southern sympathizers in the neighborhood of Elizabethton. After many days of unsuccessful search for Henshaw in the mountains, Robert Tipton one night led his company and went to his father's home to spend the night with his parents and brother, Robert Tipton, who belonged to another regiment of the Confederate army and who at home on a furlough. About 1 or 2 o'clock that night fully 150 men surrounded Isaac P. Tipton's house and called for Robert P. Tipton, representing that the Confederates were retreating and that they wanted Capt. Tipton to take charge of the company. Robert Tipton insisted that his brother should accompany him. When the brothers got out of the house they were surrounded and told if they made any noise both would be killed. After searching the brothers about six miles from the house George Henshaw made his presence known to Robert Tipton, and declared that he (Henshaw) was the man for whom Tipton had been looking. Tipton answered that he would have given Henshaw no quarter and expected none for himself. This was about 1 o'clock in the morning and a bright moonlight night and within half of a mile of the Tipton home. Robert Tipton stepped out to a tree, took off his coat, and hung it on the tree and then announced:

"Gentlemen, watch and see a brave man die."

He was shot twice.

Robert Tipton, expecting the same fate, hung his coat on the same tree and was prepared to die, but Henshaw announced that he had nothing against Robert, but would take him a prisoner. This company of bushwhackers then made a hasty retreat into the mountains.

The next morning a company of men were sent out to search of the bushwhackers but was unsuccessful.

Dr. John and A. J. Tipton who were Union men and knowing more about the country, made a private excursion into the mountains and got a hint by the name of Billy to Elizabethton with Henshaw for the release of Robert Tipton. Henshaw finally yielded. Robert Tipton was returned to his father's home, but it has been said that he was never known to smile after his brother's death. He returned to his father's, and died in Atlanta, six months after his brother's death. A broken heart killed him.

Another Tipton who gave up his life for the Confederacy was Abram Butler Tipton, of Knox county. He was the grandson of William C. Tipton, who was the son of "Revolutionary Bill" A. B. Tipton, who was Capt. J. R. McCollum's company and was killed in the battle of Chickamauga. He was the brother of Mrs. Linda Gilchrist and the late David P. Plummer's first wife.

Don't think less of your system than you do of your house. Give it a thorough cleaning too. Take Hoof's Turpentine.