

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Valentine R10821

Mary

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State of Virginia Shenandoah County: SS

On this 10 day of February 1842 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Mary Valentine a resident of Shenandoah County, aged ninety-two years, 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 7th, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay, and pensions to certain widows;" That she is the widow of John Valentine, whom she has often heard state that he had enlisted into the regular Army and had served in the Army nearly all or quite to the end of the war; that he lived in the County of Shenandoah in the State of Virginia at the time of his enlistment, and that she cannot now state (in consequence of old age and the loss of her memory) the names of any of the officers under whom he served, neither can she state what Regiment he belonged; but she has often heard him say that he was wounded while in the service having been shot through the ankle, and that he was entitled to one hundred acres of land for his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War; she therefore begs leave to refer to the evidence accompanying her declaration for the proof of his Services in the war aforesaid; she further declares that she was married to the said John Valentine to the best of her recollection and belief in the fall or winter of 1786; that she was married by a preacher by the name of John Koontz and that her maiden name before the marriage was Mary Griffith; that her husband the aforesaid John Valentine died to the best of her recollection on the ___ day of October 1829 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794; viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Mary Valentine, X her mark

[f p 5: On April 14, 1845 in Shenandoah County Virginia, Isaac Valentine, 50, gave testimony that he is the son of John and Mary Valentine; that he often heard his father and John Lary¹ talk of their services in the revolutionary war; that they both belong to the same company and Regiment; that his father stated he was in the battle of Brandywine and was wounded in the ankle by a musket ball he carried in his foot to his grave; that John Lary drew a pension from the United States he believes at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; that he often heard his father say he served in the artillery while in the service. Isaac signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p 7: In Page County Virginia on November 24, 1854, Mary Catharine Cave gave testimony

¹ FPA S8812

that she is the daughter of Mary Valentine deceased widow of John Valentine deceased, an applicant for a pension under the 1838 act in that she believes her mother died being owed money by the government under her pension; she appoints William Slaughter of Rappahannock County Virginia as her attorney to investigate and pursue her claim. She signed her claim with her mark.]

[f p 11]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 16th day of May 1783, in the name of John Valentine as Bom^r [?Bombardier] Artillery for £76.0.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Lt. Vawter and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
21st day of February 1842.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p 27: On January 20, 1844 in Page County Virginia, Henry Ailshite² gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John Valentine and his wife Mary whose maiden name was Mary Griffith; that he, the affiant, brought John Valentine in a wagon from Winchester Virginia 2 Shenandoah County shortly after the ending of the revolutionary war; that Valentine then war and old uniform or regimentals; that he was well acquainted with said Valentine from the time he brought him to Shenandoah County until his death; that they frequently conversed about their respective services in the revolution; that he, affiant, serve for 18 months under the command of Colonel Abraham Bowman and Colonel John Neville and belonged to General Scott's brigade; that Valentine told him "that after the battle of Monmouth that the Army under the command of General Washington, encamped a while at the White Plains in the State of New Jersey and afterwards marched into the State of Connecticut to Robinson's farm and afterwards marched back to the State of New Jersey and took up their winter quarters, though statements affiant knows to be facts, and affiant further states that he is to the best of his recollection and belief eighty-eight years old." The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]

² [Henry Aleshidt \(Aleshite\) S29579](#)