

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Wingfield R11714

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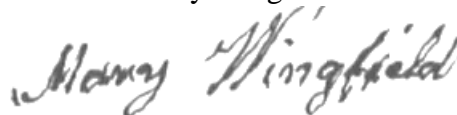
State of Georgia Wilkes County: SS

On this the 16th day of June in the year 1845 personally appeared before the honorable Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid Mary Wingfield a resident of said County, aged seventy-nine years who first being 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 the 7th 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of John Wingfield Junior who was a private soldier of Infantry in the Virginia Continental line during the revolutionary war: That the said John Wingfield entered the said war to the best of her knowledge and belief and remembrance soon after the beginning thereof, from Hanover County in the State of Virginia in an infantry company commanded by his cousin John Wingfield Senior whose company was a volunteer Company. That he served in said war about five years and was discharged he thinks in the latter part of 1782. That he resided both at the time he entered the service and at the time of his discharge in said County of Hanover: That the said John Wingfield Jr was in the year 1781 engaged in the Battle of "Ninety Six" and that she has no other evidence than that accompanying this declaration in support of her claim.

The said Mary Wingfield further declares that she was lawfully married to the said John Wingfield Jr on the 4th day of July in the year 1787 in Wilkes County Georgia and that her husband the aforesaid John Wingfield Jr died on the 15th day of January in the year 1802 in said last County and State where she has continued to reside and still resides the widow of him the said John Wingfield Jr having never since his death married. And 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.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this the 16th day of June 1845

S/ Mary Wingfield



S/ Lewis S Brown, JIC

S/ Welcome Fanning, JIC

S/ A. S. Wingfield, JIC

[fn p. 12: certificate of the Wilkes County Georgia clerk that there is a record in his office of a license issued on the 2nd day of July 1787 for the marriage of John Wingfield to Polly Derracott.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental 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 10th day of September 1783, in the name of John Wingfield as a Soldier of Infantry for £19.2.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
22nd day of May 1845.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental 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 24th day of March 1784, in the name of John Wingfield as a Soldier of Infantry for £19.15.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Benjamin Kimbrough and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
22nd day of May 1845.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

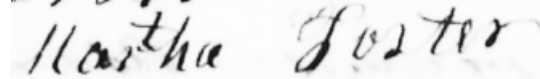
State of Georgia Watson County: Personally appeared before me Warren J Hill a Justice of the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid, Martha Foster widow of John H Foster¹ and Pensioner under the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1838, and a resident of said County, a lady whom I do hereby certify to be of known veracity and respectability who being in due form of law first sworn deposed and saith on her oath, That to the best of her knowledge and belief she was born on the thirtieth day of May in the year 1767. That she was the sister of John Wingfield deceased former husband of Mary Wingfield who now applies under said Act of Congress for a pension. That from her earliest recollection to the beginning of the war of the revolution she and her brother lived together in Hanover County State of Virginia in her Father's family. That said John Wingfield left his father's house and entered the Army as a private in a volunteer Company from said County of Hanover Virginia to serve in the war of the revolution and that from all she saw and heard of him believes that he did serve in said war, she does not recollect distinctly what time, he entered the said service but thinks it was about the beginning of the war nor does she recollect how long he served in said war but knows that he was in the said Army when the Battle of Ninety Six was fought, for she deposed and saith on oath that about the year 1784 her father's family (she and the said John among them) moved from the state of Virginia and said County of Hanover to Wilkes County and State of Georgia and she recollects that her said brother John Wingfield as they passed a place then called Ninety Six pointed out to her the Battle ground and then told her that he was engaged in that Battle and the said Martha Foster being further sworn saith that said John Wingfield and Mary formerly Mary Daracott [Dara Cott?] were married about the year 1787 and lived together as man and wife up to the year 1802 when the said John Wingfield departed this life leaving the said Mary his widow who still so remains having never since married.

Sworn to according to law and subscribed before me this 11th day of June 1845.

¹ John Hardin Foster FPA W3793

S/ Warren J Hill, JIC

S/ Martha Foster



Georgia Wilkes County: Personally appeared before me Lewis S Brown a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County, Stephen Pettis and James Wingfield who being first in due form of law sworn depose and say that they both have heard John Wingfield Senior say in his lifetime that he was a Captain of a volunteer company from Hanover County Virginia during the war of the revolution and the said deponents also say that they have heard the said John Wingfield Senior say that John Wingfield (the former husband of the applicant Mary Wingfield) was in his company as private, and this these deponents depose they have frequently heard this from the said John Captain in his lifetime, particulars the said James Wingfield who says on oath that he is the son of the said John Senior and these deponents further say that the said Captain John Senior has been dead upwards of sixteen years, and the said Stephen says that to the best of his knowledge he is fifty-five years old and the said James to the best of his knowledge that he is in his fifty ninth year of age. And I the said justice do certify that said deponents are both men of known respectability. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th day of June 1845.

S/ Jas. Wingfield

S/ Stephen G. Pettus



[fn p28: On June 16, 1845, in Wilkes County Georgia, John Pettus, 64, also gave an affidavit in support of the widow's claim

