

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Almon (Alman) R166

Nancy Almon

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State of Tennessee County of Smith: SS

On this 13th day of October A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace within & for the County and State aforesaid Nancy Almon a resident of the State of Tennessee in the County of Smith aged eighty-four 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 in 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 Willis Almon who was a soldier in the revolutionary war. That he entered the service in the State of North Carolina (as a substitute for his father Jacob Almon who was drafted) and continued in said Service in all as much as 18 months, and that he afterwards died in the County of DeKalb in the State of Tennessee on the 29th day of December 1848. – That he had a regular discharge from Service which he kept for the greater part of his life and in consequence of carrying in his pocket book it became defaced and one out and was finally lost – And that in consequence of age and loss of memory she is unable to state the troop company or Regiment or corpes in which he served, and not having documentary evidence of service she must rely upon the records of the War Department, the Muster rolls or the Affidavits of credible persons to establish such facts as may become necessary in the establishment of her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said Willis Almond in the year 1790, that her husband the said Willis Allmond [sic] died on the 29th of December 1848 as already stated; 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. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day above written before me; and I hereby certify that from bodily infirmity said declarant is not able to appear before a Court of Record
S/ D. W. Bradford, JP
S/ Nancy Almon, X her mark

State of Tennessee County of Smyth: SS

On this 13th day of October 1854 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace for said County William McDonald aged sixty-four years and Temperance Almond aged forty-five years both residents of the County of Smith in the State of Tennessee, who being first duly sworn according to law declare upon their oaths, that they were long acquainted with Willis Allmon and his wife Nancy named in the foregoing declaration for many years and that they lived together as man and wife and were so regarded by the public in the period of the death of

the said Willis. – And that they are satisfied that Nancy Allmon above named is the identical individual who was the wife of the aforesaid Willis Allmond who was reputed to have been a revolutionary Soldier. The said Temperance Almond on her part further states that she was present some eight years ago when Willis Allmond above named was advised to apply for a pension but that he said he fought in the revolution for liberty and not for money, and that he would sooner go to the poor house than receive money for fighting for his country. She further states that she has heard the said Soldier Willis Allmond say that he had worn out his old discharge from service by carrying it in his pocket. – That the said Nancy Allmon now resides in her family confined to her bed for 12 months and has not been able to go about any for the 3 years and is both helpless and destitute of means of Support and from many conversations with her and the old gentleman previous to his deceased in reference to the revolutionary war She can have no doubt but that the said Willis served as he said and she believes this impression is general where ever they were known.

S/ Wm McDonald

S/ temperance Allmon, X her mark