

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Catlett R1808

Ann Catlett    VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Virginia, to wit.

In the record of the proceedings in the County Court of Morgan, among others is the following. At a Court begun and held for Morgan County, on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834. Present, John Sherrard, Robert Gustin, William Neely, Henry Myers, & Jacob Ash, Gentleman Justices.

State of Virginia    }

County of Morgan } SS.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834 personally appeared, before the County Court of Morgan David Catlett, a resident of Morgan County, in State of Virginia, aged about seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the militia service of the United States about the commencement of the Revolutionary War, in a company of militia commanded by Captain Nicewander [sic: John Nisewanger], Captain Nicewander then lived in Newtown Frederick County, Virginia, from which County this applicant marched with the company to Fort Pitt, in an expedition against the Indians, who, it was said were instigated to attack the frontier settlements, by the Brittish; he was stationed some time at Fort Pitt; this applicant's brother, Henry Catlett, was the Lieutenant of the company, and his Cousin Robert Catlett was the ensign, he does not recollect the name of any other officers who were with him, the company lay in Winchester, Frederick County Virginia, two weeks previous to marching to Fort Pitt, he was engaged in no battles during his expedition, his Cousin Robert Catlett, he recollects was at one time absent from the Fort, on some excursion, near it and was wounded by an Indian; in this service he was engaged for three months and was discharged at Fort Pitt. After his return to Frederick County Virginia, he again entered the militia service, in a company commanded by Captain Adam Heiskell [Adam Hiskill], who died a few years ago, at Romney, in Hampshire County, Virginia, and marched from near Winchester to within sixty miles of Philadelphia to guard down five hundred Hessians [probably captured at the Battle of Trenton NJ, 26 Dec 1776] who were delivered up to some authority who received them there and he was then discharged. During this service he was engaged three months, his Lieutenant was named [Benjamin] Elkins and about six months previous to the close of the Revolutionary War, he again entered the militia service at Winchester Frederick County Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Marcus Calamese [sic: Marquis Calmes], his brother William Calamese [William Calmes, pension application S9303] was the Lieutenant of the company and the Corps to which he was attached was commanded by General Darke [sic: Col. William Darke], with this company he marched to York Town in Virginia and served for a time, he does not recollect whether for three or six months, but is willing it should be entered for three months, but knows he served in all more than nine months, was present at the Siege, and was discharged about a week previous to the surrender [19 Oct 1781], saw General Lafayette there, and many other officers whose names he cannot now recollect, his is very old and infirm, his memory greatly failed him so that he can not detail many things that ocured in these expeditions that was once familiar to him. There is no Clergyman residing in his neighbourhood with whom he is acquainted, to testify in relation to him, he resided in Frederick County Virginia, did from the time of his discharge twenty for years ago when he removed to Morgan County Virginia where he now resides, he knows of no witness living who can testify to his service, he relies on his general reputation for veracity which is known to every member of the County Court of Morgan, as evidence that his statements are to be relied on.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.    [signed] David Catlett

Question by the Court.

When, and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Prince William County, Virginia about 13 miles from Dumfries I do not know the year I was married soon after the War closed and in the same year, and from all the information I can gather I am now in my seventy eighth year.

Quest by same. have you any Record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Ans'r. I have no Record of my age, I understood it was recorded in the books of slaty run church Prince William County Va.

Quest. by same. where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

ans'r. when called into service each time I resided in Frederick County Virginia and lived there ever since, until about 24 years ago when I removed to my present residence in Morgan County Virginia, and still live there.

Quest. by same. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted for the expedition I performed against the Indians, and in the expedition in which I served under Captain Calamese at York Town, and I served as a volunteer in the expedition to the place referred to near Philadelphia when we guarded the Hessians.

“ State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia Regementis as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Ans. I recollect the names of Captain Nicewander and Lieut. Catlett & ensign Catlett, which whom I first served in the expedition against the Indians, Captain Adam Heiskell & Lieut Elkins with whom I served in guarding 500 Hessians to near Philadelphia, I recollect that Heiskell struck one of them a blow with his sword which caused his death, for for a further detail of the general circumstances of my service I refer to the body of my declaration first above given.

Quest by same. did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it signed, & what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge each time I left the service, but I know not what has become of them, they have been lost many years since, they were signed by my captains, and who else I do not recollect.

Quest. by same. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Ans. I am acquainted with Jacob Richard, Clerk of the County Court of this County, Cols Gustin, Neely, Majr Johnston, to John Sherrard, Isaiah Buck, Henry Myers, Jonathan Jones, Jacob Ash, John Hutchinson Justices of the peace, and members of the County Court, Samuel Abernathy, High Sheiff, and indeed to most of the Intelligent citizens of this County, and to Col. Lucas the representative in Congress, and to Mr Armstrong the late member.

NOTE:

On 13 Feb 1839 Ann Catlett, about 73, applied for a pension stating that she married David Catlett in February 1783, and he died 11 Sep 1834. Her claim was denied for lack of proof that her marriage occurred before 1794.

The file contains a note transcribed as follows:

The 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1834 my Father Died

The 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1840 my Mother Died