

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Patterson Childress (Childers) R1928      Nancy Childress      VA  
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State of Tennessee } ss

Jefferson County }                      On this 2<sup>d</sup> day of may 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mrs Nancy Childress a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy six 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled a act granting half pay and pension to certain widows That she is the widow of Patterson Childress who was a soldier in the Regular service in the Virginia Line in the war of the Revolution That her husband the aforesaid Patterson Childress entered the service in the year 1778 in the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia under Capt Leonard Balew for three years and served out the aforesaid time the rest of the officers her husband was under besides Capt Balew she cannot recolect but refers the department to the Virginia Rools and the testimony hereunto anexed She further declairs that she was married to the said Patterson Childress on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May seventeen hundred and eighty four that her husband the aforesaid Patterson Childress died on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1831 That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninty four viz at the time above stated and she is still a widow      Nancy herXmark Childress

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On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of May 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Mr Joseph Jeneway a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy one years and after being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following affidavit That he is well acquainted with Mrs Nancy Childress who resides in Jefferson County Tennessee and was well acquainted with her husband Patterson Childress and knew them to live together as man and wife from the year 1784 up to the time of his the aforesaid Patterson Childress death wich took place in the year 1831 Affiant further declairs that he saw the aforesaid Patterson Childress discharged from service in Surry County N Carolina a short time after the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] in Yorktown Virginia and at that time affiant understood that the aforesaid Patterson Childress service had expired as a Regular soldier for three years in the war of the Revolution and affiant herd the aforesaid Patterson Childress say that their was bounty in Land due him and it was always understood in the neighborhood that the aforesaid Patterson Childress was a soldier of the war of the Revolution  
Joseph hisXmark Jeneway

[To Mr Waldo, Commissioner of Pensions. 9 Sep 1851]

State of Tennessee }

County of Knox }

The memorial of Nancy Hamelton Heir at law of Nancy Childers or Childress, Widow of Patersen Childers or Childress. I Nancy Hamelton would state to the commissione of Pensions that my mother above mentioned applied for a Pension under Act of 1838, for the services of Patersen Childers or Childress, But the Agent, Mr Newman, who writin the Declarations, and proof made some mistake, having written the name Childress or Childers, you will see from the Papers, signed by my mother that she, made her mark, which mistake was entirely owing to the fancy of the Agent in spelling, the name, further sir it seems that my Father was engaged as a Va Soldier, but his name is enrolled in the No. Carolina line, it is plaine that he engaged or started in the State of verginia but it will be seen by reference

to the proof that rendered service in NC, the only state where is name is to be found further you will find that said states join each other and that theres is nothing misterious in his serving in N.C. I hope, Mr Waldo, that you will have my mothers papers & proof Examined and address at this office as soon as convenient Resp,/ Nancy Hamelton/ Daughter of Nancy & Patersen Childress or Childers  
Mecklenburg Knox County Tennessee