

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Matthew Cunningham R2582

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State of Tennessee } SS

Bedford County } Be it known that before me Herod F. Holt, one of the Justices of the County Court of Bedford County, in said State personally appeared Elizabeth Cuningham a resident of said County, aged Eighty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, makes the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 4th 1836 - July 7th 1838 - March 3^d 1843, June 17th 1844, and acts Supplemental thereto, and also to obtain the pension to which her husband was entitled under the act of June 7th 1832 from the 4th of March 1831 to the 14th day of May 1840. That she is the widow of Mathew Cunningham, who was a private in the War of the Revolution. That she is not able to state the exact time at which he entered the service of the United States, but she thinks it was in 1778. That he was at the battle of Camden 12th of August 1779 [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. That he served one tour of three months and either one other tour of six months, or two others of 3 months each, and he might have served as much as twelve months in all - but her opinion is that he only served nine months or six months — that she is not certain under what officer her said husband served but thinks he served under Capt Leeper in Col Porterfield's Regiment [Charles Porterfield, mortally wounded at the Battle of Camden]. She thinks this was in the North Carolina Militia, but it might have been in South Carolina — that she was married to the said Mathew Cunningham in the year seventeen hundred and ninty one or seventeen hundred and ninty two — that her first child was born in 1793[?] — that she was married in Orange County North Carolina by a Preacher of the Gospel named William Hodges that her husband the said Mathew Cunningham died in the County of Bedford on the 14th day of May, in the year one thousand Eight hundred and forty - and that she has not intermarried but still remains his widow — that she now applies for the pension due her said husband from the 4th of March 1831 to the 14th of May 1840 and also for the benefit of the other several acts above named — that she verily believes the Record annexed is correct and true

Sworn to and subscribed by making her mark
before me this 30th January 1852

Elizabeth herXmark Cunningham

H. F. Holt J. P. for Bedford County Tennessee