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Pension Application of William Cunningham R2588      Susan Cunningham      VA  
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The Declaration of the heirs of William Cunningham by his son Thomas Cunningham, for the joint benefit of all the heirs of the said William Cunningham of the County of Washington and State of Virginia, in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 respectfully showeth.

State of Virginia County of Washington, SS.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1853 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace, Thomas Cunningham a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 granting pensions to widows in right of services rendered by their husbands in the war of the revolution, and if married prior to the close of said war, that pension shall commence from the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831. That the said William Cunningham did so serve in said war of the revolution, is proven by his discharge herein enclosed, that he did so serve and was discharged in and from the Virginia Brigade under the command of Captain or David Mason Esqr. and discharged by Maj. W. Hubbard [sic: William Hubard] of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bat'l. and Brigade, July 24<sup>th</sup> 1779 [see endnote] – that the said William Cunningham died in the County of Washington on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1828 [sic: see endnote] – that his widow Susan Cunningham died in the County of Washington on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 [sic]. that her name before marriage was Susan Wood, that she was married to the said William Cunningham in the year 1770. That the said William nor Susan Cunningham never applied for pension during their natural lives, nor are their names inscribed at any agency in the United States for paying pensions.

The heirs of the said William and Susan Cunningham now pray that the amount of pension due to the said Susan in right of her husband, from the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831 be paid to them wherein it is provided when the widow was married to her husband prior to the termination of his services, that pension shall commence as specified, which from the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831 to the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 would be [blank] years they respectfully pray that said pension be awarded to them.

2 years 8 months 25 days

James Wood, James Campbell, Will'm Cuninghan & Charles Timberlake, of the Virginia Brigade of Militia, under the Command of David Mason Esq'r. on the So. Carolina Expedition are hereby discharged the time of their services being expired. Given under my Hand at Camden, July 24<sup>th</sup> 1779.

W. Hubard, Major, 1<sup>st</sup> Bat'l. V. Brig.

Com'r. of Pensions/      My Dear Sir/      the Old Man Cuningham, is so much Insulted, because require proof of six or more months service of his Father in the Revolution, he desires me to withdraw all the papers, Including the discharge, If Admissable, please Enclose them to Me & I will deliver them to him Abingdon Oct 8th 1856.      Yours truly & respectfully/ J. W. Stevens

[On 17 Oct 1856 the Pension Office replied that the papers could not be returned.]

NOTES:

Col. David Mason and Maj. William Hubard led militia companies from Charlotte, Amia, and Halifax counties at the Battle of Stono Ferry SC on 20 June 1779. The pension applications of Thomas Clark S17888, John Jones S5631, Elijah Clark S10448, Robert Sneed S9482, and others indicate that these companies entered this service in either January or March 1779.

On 28 Sep Thomas Cunningham corrected the dates of death of his parents, which had been switched in his original statement: William Cunningham died on 13 Nov 1833, and Susan Cunningham died on 4 May 1828. Susan Cunningham was therefore not a widow.

A document dated 28 June 1853 lists the children of William Cunningham as follows: John Cunningham; Ann Hutton, wife of John Hutton; Elizabeth Dickenson, wife of John Dickenson; Thomas Cunningham; William Cunningham; James Cunningham; Samuel Cunningham; Joseph Cunningham; and Margaret Clark. A power of attorney dated 11 July 1853 states that Thomas Cunningham and other heirs were residents of Gray Creek in Washington County.