

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Custer R2610

Anna Custer

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State of Indiana } SS

County of Delaware [sic: Delaware] }

On this 26th day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid Ana Custard aged 82 years resident of the county and state aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Wm. Custard deceased who was a private soldier commensed his services in Greenbrier Co Va. from thence to Monongahala [sic: Monongahela River], from thence to point pleasant at the mouth of the Great Kenhawa [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774] where he was under General [Andrew] Lewis who was ordered by Govenor Dunmore of Va. in A.D. 1774, from thence to fort Washington (now Cincinnati) thence to Bourbon Co. Kentucky and that he was in the battle of the Blue Lick [Battle of Blue Licks in KY, 8 Feb 1778]. She does not remember the number of ridgment or his particular commander) but well remembers Patterson [possibly Robert Patterson], Todd Magara [possibly Hugh McGary] McBrd [probably William McBride] &c, and talks much a bout Briants station [Bryan's Station at present Lexington KY] She does not remember the time but thinks it was about in the year of 1782, she was acquainted with Col. Boon [sic: Daniel Boone] and with Simon Kenton, he was also in the expedition of 1788 against the north western indians under the command of Gen B. Logon [sic: Benjamin Logan] & Major McGary. After the war her husband bought land & built a house and afterward it was claimed as militiary land and was taken from him & he left all his possessions & emigrated to Mad river 2½ miles west of Urbana then purchased a small tract of land in Champaign Co. Ohio and in the year of 1825 he removed to Miami Co. 18 miles west & on the 28th of Feb 1828 he died, she further states that she was marriad to the said Wm. Custard on the [blank] 1785 by preacher Rice of Ky. and that her name before she was marriade was Ana Smith and that her husband died at the time and place above stated & that she is still his widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pention & bounty land, to which she may be intitled to under the act of Sept. 28th 1850 Or the resolutions of Oct 21st 1780 or June 1832, or under any or all the acts combined together respecting the legality of claims of Revolutioners

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Miami County Ohio, November 4th 1851.

Dear Sir, In reference to this business we have done the best we know how, & as the old lady & her friends ar poor it is our desire, First to ascertain whether anything would be due her, should her husband have served as stated in the enclosed Declaration before going to further expence;

As Abram Thomas of said County Drew a pension some years past [application not found] & her husband Wm Custar being a fellow soldier with him as we have been informed, gives her hopes that her plea will yet be admissible; They were married in Mason County Ky. A copy of the Marriage can be forwarded if required with other matters necessary in the case. I have waited for information from your office & as yet I have rec'd none, I still hope for it yet,/ I am yours, Respectfully/ Henry Bright
Miami County, Ohio, Cass Town P.O.

Pens Office/ Feby 5, 1852.

Sir [H. Bright]: The application of Anna Custard is filed under the Act of 7 July, 1838. None of the service which she claims her husband to have performed was revolutionary, and consequently nothing is due her. [see endnote]

NOTE: The unsigned statement that none of William Custer's service was revolutionary is incorrect. The Revolutionary War was considered by the pension office to have begun at the Battle of Lexington and Concord on 19 April 1775 and to have ended with the ratification of the Treaty of Paris on 3 Sep 1783.