

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Walter Mackay R270

Catherine Arthur¹

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State of Kentucky Casey County Sct.

On this 31st day of July 1841 Personally appeared before me Buford Peyton a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Catherine Arthur a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-five 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 4, 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3, 1837. That she was married to Walter Mackay who was a private Soldier in the Militia of the Revolutionary War, The said Walter Mackay volunteered in the service of his Country in the County of Campbell and the State of Virginia in the fall of the year 1780 and served in this tour of duty not less than three months in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Adams and Colonel Charles Lynch's Regiment attached to General Lawson [Robert Lawson's] Brigade the declarant recollects that when her husband started out to serve the tour of duty that she accompanied her husband some distance and gathered hazelnut on the road, And again in the year 1782 the aforesaid Walter Mackay again entered the service of his Country and served out a tour of duty not less than three months in a Company commanded by Captain Irish of Colonel James Calloway's Regiment, the Company marched from Campbell County Virginia down to New London and were there Stationed, during this tour of duty, the said Walter Mackay received regular discharges for both of those tours of duty and were in the possession of the declarant until about fifteen years since when they were destroyed by the Children, She further declares that she was married to the said Walter Mackay in the County [of] Caroline in the State of Virginia in the month of January 1776 by Parson Dick and that her husband the aforesaid Walter Mackay died in the fall of the year 1786. And that she was afterwards married to William Arthur who died in November 1830. And that she was a widow on the 4th July 1836 and remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. She further declares she knows of no record of her Marriage to the aforesaid Walter Mackay nor of the age of her Children but she recollects perfectly well that she had one child (Alexander) at the time her Husband first entered the service of his Country.

S/ Catherine Arthur, X her mark

[Abraham Adams gave a deposition in Casey County Kentucky on July 31, 1841 he is 47 years of old; that he has known Catherine Arthur for the last 30 years; that since his first acquaintance with her he has understood that she was married in the state of Virginia to Walter Mackay who died in that state; that she thereafter married William Arthur who died in November 1830.]

¹ former widow

[John Murcheson² of Campbell County Virginia gave testimony that Catherine Arthur whose Virgin name was Katharine McDaniel married Walter Mackay in or about the year 1776; that Walter Mackay was a volunteer in the Virginia service in the year 1780 under the command of Colonel Charles Lynch and Captain Robert Adams; that again in the year 1782 Walter Mackay served with the affiant under the command of Captain Irish and Colonel James Calloway at New London in Bedford County Virginia now Campbell County Virginia; that after the death of Walter Mackay, Catherine married William Arthur. He gave his testimony on April 29, 1839.

John Murcheson

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