

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Vincent DeGraffenried (DeGraffenreed) R2845 Martha Green VA
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State of Missouri County of Greene} Sct

On this 28th July 1844 personally appeared before the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Martha G. DeGraffenried, whose maiden name was Martha G. Thaxton, a resident of said County aged Seventy three years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress approved July 7th 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay to certain widows:

That she is the widow of Vincent DeGraffenried, who was a private in the War of the Revolution, and who entered the service of the United States from the County of Lunenburg Virginia in his fourteenth year, as a substitute in the place of Woodson Miller for a tour of three months under General [Robert] Lawson. He entered said service in January seventeen hundred and seventy seven from the County aforesaid After having served out the said tour of three months he returned home, but immediatly entered again for another tour of three months as a substitute in the place of [blank space] Billups but he did not remain in service this time more that six weeks, during this last mentiond tour he was under General Lawson. declarant does not recollect the Captain under whom her said husband served at any time during the War.

This Declarant further states that soon after his return home the second time as above mentioned her said husband then enlisted about the 1st of June seventeen hundred and seventy seven, for the remainder of the War or during the War, from the County of Lunenburg Virginia and remained in the said service of the United states during the remainder of the War or untill after the British Prisoners, at the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] were marched from Yorktown to Winchester Virginia in order to be exchanged

This Declarant states that her husband served under General Lawson, General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Generals [William] Woodford & Maxwell [possibly William Maxwell of New Jersey]. Major Murfree, Lieut Colo Flerry [probably Francois Louis de Fleury] and Major [Thomas] Posey. Lieuts. Knox and Gibbons; also under Washington [Gen. Nathanael] Greene and [Gen. Anthony] Wayne. Her said husband was at the battles of the Brandywine in 1777 [11 Sep] at said battle he was under the command of Col. Stephens Generals Greene and Washington. He was also at the storming of Stony Point in July [16th] seventeen hundred and sevety nine, during said enguagment he was under the command of Major Murfree and Gen. Wayne. This Declarant recollects distinctly that after the war Major Murfree use to visit her said husband frequently and she has often heard them converse about the Storming of Stony Point as well as other incidents connected with the war

This Declarant states that her husband was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse in March [15th] 1781 and was commanded by Generals Lawson, Stephens and Greene; and her husband was also at the Siege of Yorktown in October 1781. Soon after which he returned home and quit the service This Declarat states that her said husband received a Discharge – that this Declarant has often seen it and read it but that her said husbands house was burnt down in the County of Halifax Virginia in the year seventeen hundred and ninty one This Declarant states that, according to the best of her recollection said Discharge was signed by General Lawson and stated that Vincent DeGraffenried had served as a soldier for four years and that said Discharge was burnt with the burning of the house as aforesaid. She states that she was married to Vincent DeGraffenried in the County of Halifax Virginia on the 31st day of January seventeen hundred and ninty. And that said Vincent DeGraffenried died in the County of Christain [sic: Christian] and state of Kentucky on the 13th day of May 1834; that she has never married again but is now and continues to remain a widow. She also states her said husband's name has never been upon the Pension roll of any State or Agency

And further saith not

Martha herXmark G. DeGraffried

NOTE:

On 30 June 1851 Martha Green Degraffenried, 78, of Jasper County MO, applied again for a pension adding the following details: Vincent DeGraffenried entered the service under a Colonel Hopson; his discharge was burned while he was living in Person County NC about 1813; and that her husband had applied for a pension about 1832 but was denied for unknown reasons. (No such application was found in the file. She gave the date of their marriage as 31 January 1793 and the date of his death as 4 March 1834. John Degraffenried and Charner Degraffenried certified that they had known Martha Green DeGraffenried since the death of her husband.

On 26 Feb 1853 John Degraffenried, 59, of Jasper County MO, assigned power of attorney to obtain benefits as the son and heir of Vincent Degraffenried, who died on 24 March 1833, and of Martha Degraffenried, who died on 16 Sep 1851. He stated that his parents formerly lived in Virginia "30 or 40 years."