

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Nicholas Gift R4005 Regina Gift

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State of Ohio, Preble County: SS

On this 15th day of July A.D. 1853 personally appeared before the Judge of the Probate Court Holden at Eaton in and for the County of Preble and State of Ohio Regina Gift a resident of Gratis Township in the County of Preble and State of Ohio aged Ninety 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 7, 1838 entitled "an Act Granting half pay and Pensions to certain Widows," That she is the widow of Nicholas Gift otherwise called John N. Gift who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Henry Whitesell in the Regiment of North Carolina militia commanded by Colonel Basely [John Paisley] in the War of the Revolution that her said husband was drafted into the Service of the United States at Guilford County in the State of North Carolina where he then resided, on or before the last day of October A.D. 1780 for the term of six months and he continued in actual service in the said War of the revolution for the term of six months she further States that her said Husband was in what is called the Battle of Guilford which was fought about the middle of March 1781 [March 15, 1781], and that his said services was principally confined to the State of North Carolina and was engaged in defending and protecting the Country from the Ravage of the British Army then marching through that State under Cornwallis. She further states that her said Husband was honorably discharged from the service on or about the last day of April 1781. She further declares that at the time her said husband entered the service of the United States in the said War of the Revolution he resided in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina and served in the Militia of that State. She further states that she has no documentary evidence to offer in support of her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said Nicholas Gift on the__ day of __ in the year 1783, that her husband the aforesaid Nicholas Gift died on the sixth day of November in the year 1825, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but their marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, to wit, at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

S/ Regina Gift, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed by Regina Gift before me in open Court on the 15th day of July A.D. 1853.

S/ John V. Campbell, Probate Judge

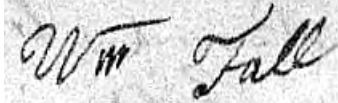
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Before me Isaac Stevens a Justice of the peace in and for said County came Personally Daniel Christman aged Eighty Three years a resident of Preble County & State of Ohio who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says: I recollect the Battle of Guilford. It was fought in the spring of the year 1781. I was then a boy and was living in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina. I was born and raised there I was acquainted with John N. Gift commonly called Nicholas Gift, at the time of

the Battle of Guilford we were living near neighbors and I know the said Nicholas Gift served a six months tour of duty in the North Carolina militia in the war of the Revolution in Captain Henry Whitesell's company of North Carolina militia. If I recollect right he was drafted or went out into the service in the latter part of the summer or fall season of 1780 and he did not return home until the Spring of 1781 after the Battle of Guilford I always understood and such was the neighborhood belief that he was in the Battle of Guilford I was also acquainted with Captain Whitesell and Captain Forbush who lived in Guilford County. I was acquainted with Regina Gift who is the widow of said Nicholas I first became acquainted with her perhaps about two or three years after the Battle of Guilford after her marriage with said Nicholas Gift they settled and lived near neighbors to us in Guilford County for a number of years and until they moved to Preble County Ohio and they always lived together – as man & wife from the time of their marriage until the death of the said Nicholas and they were always so reputed in the neighborhood where they resided and were known they raised a large and respectable family of children and they were people of good morals I know that the said Nicholas Gift is dead he has been dead for a number of years he died in Preble County Ohio. I have said I was acquainted with Nicholas Gift and Regina Gift his wife in Guilford County North Carolina and we came to this County (Preble closed) and lived neighbors until the death of said Nicholas I think no person who knew them ever doubted their having been legally married. This 29th day of July 1853

S/ Daniel Christman, X his mark

[William Fall and George Whitesell each gave an affidavit similar to that of Christman. Whitesell says he was a 'relative' of Captain Henry Whitesell and near neighbor at the time of the Battle of Guilford.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Fall". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Henry Whitesell signed with his mark.]