

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Killion [Killian] R5918

Becky Killian

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State of Virginia, Scott County

On this 29th day of September A.D. 1858, before me Ansel F. Gilliam a Justice of the Peace of and for the County and State aforesaid, personally came Becky Killion aged 90 years a resident of Scott County in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of John Killion deceased who was a soldier and drafted for the whole term of the revolutionary war seven years. The company she does not recollect nor the regiments the officers names were Hogg & Donohue [sic, Thomas Donoho?]. He was drafted from Stokes County North Carolina and served his time out and was honorably discharged the day and year she does not recollect as his discharge has been lost as well as his land warrant. She further declares that her said husband was in the battles of the Horse Shoe, Two Sisters, Guilford Court House, Monks old Field and other places she does not recollect. That the said John Gilliam was wounded in the shoulder, and his father Michel Killion¹ was killed, both served together. She further declares that the said John Killion received nothing, but his land warrant the best of her recollection, and that he or herself received anything from the same.

She further states that she was married to the said John Killion on the __ day of __ A.D. by one William Dobson of Morren's [?] Cross Roads Stokes County North Carolina and that her name before her marriage was Becky Wilborn [?] that her said husband died at Surry County North Carolina on the __ day of February 1816 A.D.; and that she is now a widow.

She further declares that she has never made any application for her pension or Bounty Land under any of the acts of Congress except the one above mentioned as received by her husband John Killion and further says she is entitled to the pension of John Killion's Fall or Michel Killion as the sole heir now living.

S/ Becky Killion, X her mark

Test:

S/ William Campbell

We William Campbell and __ residents of Scott County, in the State of Virginia upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Becky Killion in our presence, with whom we are personally acquainted and that we believe from the appearance, statement of, and our acquaintance with the applicant that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that we are disinterested witnesses.

S/ William Campbell

1 An interesting annotation appears at <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/read/KILLIAN/2007-03/1174767796>. The annotation is as follows: 1781 - Michael Killion, NC Militia, Col. Fields Company, pay stop from 24 June to 24 Augt. at His Majesty's Hospital, Wilmington, NC. (From British Pay Records - 'Loyalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolution' by Mertie June Clark (c) 1981).

We William Campbell and ___ residents of Scott County upon our oaths declare that we were personally acquainted with John Killion and Becky Killion during the lifetime of the said John Killion husband of the said Becky Killion and we know that the said John Killion and Becky Killion lived together as husband and wife and were regarded and reputed by their neighbors that the said John Killion is dead that the said Becky Killion is still his widow and that we have no interest in this claim.

S/ William Campbell