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Pension Application of James Martin R6966

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State of Tennessee } SS

Putnam County }

In this 7th day of May, 1855, before the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Martin, aged Eighty one years, a resident of said County and State, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the law of the United States passed the [blank] day of [blank]; that she is the widow of James Martin, deceased, who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Rose, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Green in the Revolutionary War. [See endnote.]

That her husband entered the service at Pittsylvania Court House, Virginia, about the [blank] day of 1784 [sic], for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said War, for the term of six months and died in Jackson County, Tenn., on the 24th day of January 1842

She further states that she was married to the said James Martin in Pittsylvania County, Va. on the [blank] day of [blank] 1802 by one Richard Elliot and that her name before marriage was Nancy Foggerson; that her husband died as above, at his residence in Jackson County, Tenn. as aforesaid, on the 24th day of January 1842 That she is still his widow, and that she has remained his widow since that period.

And she further states that she has as yet been unable to obtain any public record of her marriage, if indeed any was by law required to be kept when and where she married, as aforesaid; that the private proof – the Bible record – has been lost; that she can not file herewith his certificate of discharge for the reason that it, also, has been lost or destroyed; that her husband in his life time, never within her knowledge made any application for a pension, and that the following are the names and ages of her children now living: [first three interlined above last three] Gincy Adams, Polly Martin, William Martin, Francis Rodgers [Frances Rodgers?], Mary Ann Martin.

[Power of attorney follows.]

NOTES:

The only Col. Green of Virginia was John Green who commanded the 6th Virginia Regiment from 14 Sep 1778 until he retired on 1 Jan 1783. Alexander Rose was a Captain in that regiment from 17 Sep 1776 until he retired on 14 Sep 1778. The Revolutionary War ended almost a year before Nancy Martin claimed her husband entered the service.

The file includes the following marriage record: "I Langhorne Scruggs Clerk of the county court of Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify, that James Martin was married to Nancy Farguson by Richard Elliott in the year one thousand eight hundred and two as appears from the records of the said court."