

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Merrill (Merrell) R7126 Elizabeth Merrill f9NC
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State of Alabama Marshall County

On this 25th day of September 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Elizabeth Merrill wife & relict of Charles Merrill deceased who first being 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 Acts of Congress passed 7th of July 1838 and the 23rd of August 1842 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of Charles Merrill who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War but how long he served she is not now able to declare. She only knows of one person in this country who was known to the Service of her Husband (viz.) Peter Headrick,¹ & he lives 200 miles off from her residence. She also declares that she was married to the said Charles Merrill on the 23rd day of May 1783. That her husband the aforesaid Charles Merrill died on or about the 14th 1822 [sic, no month stated]. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794) viz.) at the time above stated. She further declares that she is still a widow. She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & that her name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any State in the Union. Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before
S/ Jesse Upton, JP

S/ Elizabeth Merrill, X her mark

In addition to the above She also declares that she is totally unable from age & infirmity of attending a Court of Record as is required if able.

S/ Elizabeth Merrill, X her mark

[Isaac Moore and William A. Sibley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Cunningham of Cherokee County Alabama gave an affidavit stating that he was acquainted with Charles Merrill and his wife Elizabeth Merrill in the state of North Carolina in Roan [sic, Rowan] County; that Charles Merrill had the reputation of being a revolutionary war soldier in the neighborhood in which he lived; that Charles and Elizabeth world lawfully married. He also states: "I also further declare that Charles Merrill was a son of Benjamin Merrill who was hung by the British at Hillsboro North Carolina."]

¹ POSSIBLY a reference to [Peter Headrick \(Hedrick, Hederick\) W11288](#)