

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Minton R7263

Jane Minton

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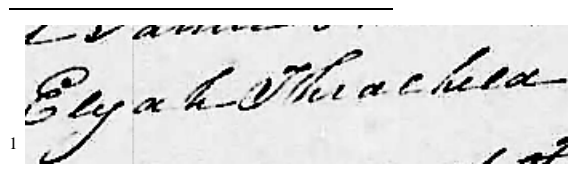
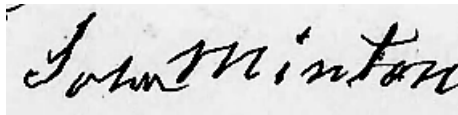
State of Kentucky Henry County: SS

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Thomas M Ballard a Justice of the Peace in and for Henry County and one of the Judges of the County Court in and for said County, John Minton aged 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of [Congress] passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

This declarant states that he was residing in Stafford County State of Virginia when he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. That in the month of April 1781 – a draft was ordered in said County of Stafford when he the said declarant was drafted into the service for a tour of six months and was under the command of Captain James Primm, Colonel James Garrard and Colonel Elijah Thralheld [?]<sup>1</sup> and General Weedon [George Weedon], he states they rendezvoused at Falmouth on the Rappahannock River thence they under the command of the aforesaid officers were marched to Hunters forge and after remaining at the Forge a short period the officers sought a suitable place for an encampment about ½ mile from said forge where he states the Regiment was stationed for the purpose of protecting said forge from the British. He states that it was anticipated by the officers that Lord Cornwallis with intent to avail himself of these works, as all kinds of arms, swords, Bayonets, Camp Kettles, ship anchors, &c were manufactured at the Forge, he states that during this tour of six months that he discharged his duty as a faithful soldier in guarding said Forge – till his tour of six months expired when he was discharged by his said Captain Primm verbally in the month of October in the year 1781. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said service he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory and that from old age and bodily infirmity he cannot appear in open court to make his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Minton



<sup>1</sup>

Questions by the magistrate

Question Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Stafford County State of Virginia in 1761

Question Have you any record of your age

Answer My age was recorded in my Bible but it has been destroyed

Question Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer I remained in Virginia in Stafford County until the year of 1806 I then moved to Fayette County Kentucky where I stayed until 1816 I then moved to Henry County Kentucky where I have lived ever since.

Question How were you called into the service

Answer I was drafted for a tour of six months

Question State the names of some of the regular officers where you served and such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect

Answer There were no regular officers where I served and only General Weedon's Regiment of militia

Question Did you ever receive a discharge and by whom was it signed and what has become of it  
Answer I never received a written discharge I was verbally discharged by Captain Primm by order of General Weedon.

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer I will name John Hatten and Henry Houseworth

[John Hatten and Henry Houseworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1839 in Harrison County Kentucky, Jane Minton a resident of Harrison County Kentucky aged 76 made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Minton, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 18, 1781; that he died November 20, 1836. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: in a very faint document at the bottom of the last page of the widow's application is an affidavit given by Fanny Billings [last name very faint and unclear—"Billings" is a total guess]<sup>2</sup> states that she is the 3<sup>rd</sup> child of John and Jane Minton, her parents; that her age is 53 years as of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1839; she confirms the date of her father's death and that her mother remains a widow and is unable by bodily infirmity to attend court.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

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*Fanny Billings*  
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