

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mobley R7288

Frances Mobley f22SC

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State of South Carolina Fairfield District

On this the 16th day of May 1846 personally appeared before me Cornelius Nevitt a Magistrate in & for the said District, Frances Mobley a resident of the said State & District 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 the July 4, 1836. That she is now aged about 104 years, & that by reason of her great age & bodily infirmity, she cannot leave her own home & consequently cannot appear before a court of Record to make this declaration. That she must therefore make it before a Magistrate or not in all --

She further states that she is the widow of William Mobley, a soldier of the Revolution who departed this life on the 28th of December 1812.

She further states that the said William Mobley performed four Tours of 3 months each in the Revolutionary war, that she does not recollect the date of each tour of duty, but she knows that during the last of the 4 tours he was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] -- She further states that her said husband served as a private & that his services were rendered in the State of South Carolina. She further states that she was married to the said William Mobley long before the Revolutionary War, but cannot recollect the precise date of her marriage, but she well remembers that at the time the Revolutionary war began, she was the mother of 3 or 4 children by her marriage with the said William Mobley. That she does not believe that any Record of her marriage was ever made, but if there was she has no knowledge of it or where it is. -- That it has been so long since her marriage, some of her children being now over 75 years of age, that she knows of no one alive by whom was her marriage can be proved. She further states that she has remained ever since his death & is now the widow of the said William Mobley --

That her name is not on any pension Roll whatever -- and that she did not know until a short time ago, that she was entitled to any Pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 16th May 1846

Test: S/ Cornelius Nevitte

S/ Frances Mobley, X her mark

State of South Carolina Fairfield District: Personally came before me Cornelius Nevitte a Magistrate in & for the said District Moses Mobley, who being duly sworn deposes & says that he is now about seventy-six years of age. That he was well acquainted with William Mobley & Frances Mobley his wife in time of the Revolutionary War & ever since until the death of the said William Mobley, that being a near Relative of the said William Mobley he knows he was a

soldier of the Revolution & shortly after the Battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] he heard the said & never heard it doubted that the said William Mobley was in both under the Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene].

This deponent also states that long before the close of the said War of the Revolution the said William Mobley & Frances Mobley were living together as man & wife & he never heard it doubted but that what they were lawful man & wife long before the revolutionary war began.

This deponent has heard read the Declaration of Frances Mobley bearing date the 16th day of the present month, & the tradition of the country & what he has heard in the family for more than half a century fully corroborates every statement contained in the said Declaration & he has no doubt every statement she has made is true.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 18th May 1846

S/ Moses Mobley, X his mark

S/ Cornelius Nevitte

[p 16: is a certificate from the office of the Comptroller General of South Carolina dated April 27, 1846 showing payments to William Mobley for 124 days duty done in the militia in 1781 as a private under the command of Colonel Hopkins & Major Wallis [John Wallace] also under Colonel Bratton [William Bratton].]