

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Pendergrass R8086

Susan Pendergrass f18NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

8/19/09: rev'd 11/10/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 5]

State of South Carolina Chester District }

On this 10th day of January 1846 personally appeared before me one of the acting Magistrates of said District Susan Pendergrass a resident of South Carolina in the District of Chester aged 93 years 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 July 4th 1836 if not the act 36 the act 1838 also March 43 & 17 January 44

That she is the widow of David Pendergrass who was a private in the North Carolina Militia in the War of the Revolution & served she thinks 12 months (She further declares that she cannot tell the precise time he went into service but she is certain that he was in service from the fact that he was gone from home at least 12 months & left her & the children by themselves & she further declares that she knows of no Documentary [evidence with which to] prove [his service]. She further declares that she was married to the said David Pendergrass on the __ day of November 1777. That her husband the aforesaid David Pendergrass died on the __ day of November 1800 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the certificate here annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before
S/ Littleton Hill, Magistrate

S/ Susan Pendergrass

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Pendergrass". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 15]

State of South Carolina Chester District } On this 12th day of May 1846 personally appeared before me one of the acting Magistrates in and for said District Mrs. Susan Pendergrass widow of David Pendergrass late Revolutionary Soldier of this District deceased and after being first duly sworn according to law deposes & saith on oath that her and her husband the aforesaid David Pendergrass was married in Granville County North Carolina at the least 5 years prior to his leaving the Services of the United States that she knows this from the fact that she had 3 children before he left the war. That she makes this affidavit to show when and where she was married. She further declares that she has no record of her marriage or any record that gives any account of the births of her children nor that she knows of any that is attainable which would

give any account of said marriage or births of her children.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written before me
S/ Littleton Hill, Magistrate

S/ Susan Pendergrass

[p 15: On May 12, 1846 in Chester District, SC, John Harrison testified that he was acquainted with David and Susan Pendergrass; that David Pendergrass was reputed to have been a soldier in the revolution and that he fought at the battle of Guilford Court House; that they moved to South Carolina sometime in the year 1798 & that they had 9 or 10 children.]

[p 16: On May 12, 1846 in Chester District, SC, Robert Cowley testified that he became acquainted with David and Susan Pendergrass shortly after the revolution; that David Pendergrass was believed to have been a soldier of the revolution and that he had frequently heard James Alverson ¹a revolutionary soldier say in his lifetime that David Pendergrass was a soldier of said war.]

[p 3: On March 29, 1853 in York District South Carolina David Pendergrass, a resident of Chester district South Carolina signed a power of attorney dated March 29, 1853 in which he states he is the son of Susannah Pendergrass widow of David Pendergrass.

]

¹ FPA W8326