

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Shadrach Penn R8094

Margaret Penn MD

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County of Scott }
State of Kentucky }

on this Day Personally appeared before me the undersign Justices of the Peace in and for the County afsaid Marget Penn a Residenter of the County of Scott State of Kentucky aged Seventy two years who being first duly Sworn according to law doath upon oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7 1838 Entitle an act granting half Pay and Pensions to Cirtain Widows. That she is the widow of the late Maj Shedrick Penn who was an officer on the Maryland lin during the war of the Revolution at least Six or Seven years He entered the Services at or near the Commencement of the War as a Leutenant under Captain Edward Burges [Edward Burgess?] and in Col Thomas Dorcy's [Thomas Dorsey?] Ridgement and was Promoted to Captain and Major During his term of Service and she think he belong to the light Horse, and mached though New York Philidepha and Baltimore and he was in the Battle against Col Talton [possibly Battle of Cowpens SC against Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, 17 Jan 1781] and was wounded on his head and Sholder which wounds and Scears she has often seen He was also at the Seige of York when Lord Cornwallis was taken and saw him surrender up his Sword to General Washington [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and was a regular Continential officer on the Maryland lin During almost the whole war as she has often been informed by him and others She was not married at him during his services though she Resided in Ann Arundel [sic: Anne Arundel County] Maryland in the sam County in which he Resided and was Personally acquainted with him and do well know that was in the Service as an officer and she has often seen his Commission but do not know what has become of it or by whom it was signed He has often detailed to her his sufferings douring the war of the Revolution and staited to Her some years before his death that Col R M Johnson had often urged him to apply for a Pension and assured him that he was entitl to one He said he had not fought for Pension or Pay of Aney kind but for the liberty of his Country and that he would not have it as he could live without it

She refers to the Reccords for Evidence of his services She Further Declares that she was married to the said Shedrick Penn in Ann Arundel County Maryland on the fifth day of September Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Eight and that her Son Shedrick was Borne on the Twenty Second day of May Seventeen Hundred and Ninty one and the above is her true Family reccord of the ages of her Children and she was the Wife of the said Shedrick Penn at the time that her son Shedrick Penn was born and the foregoing Family Record is the best evidence she Can Produce of her marriage and that Her Husband the aforesaid Shedrick Penn died on the sith day of June Eighteen Hundred and thirty one and she has remained a widow ever since his death and that she was not married to him Prior to his Leaving the Services but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen Hundred and ninty four viz at the time above stated given from under my hand this 6 Day of September 1838

[signed] Margaret Penn

I Henry Hardy of Scott County Kentucky State That I was intimatly acquainted with the Late Major Shedrick Penn who departed this Life in the year Eighteen hundred and Thirty one and His Widow Marget Penn who I have been informed has appied for a Pension I well know of my own Personal knowledge that the said Shedrick Penn was a distinguished officer of the revolution and Commanded a Compny of Light horse and was in the Services at Least four years as Captain and Leutenant on the Maryland Lin during the War of revolution and that he was in the batle againt Tarlton and was wounded in the Head and Sholder as I have been informed by him and others

Henry hisXmark Hardy

[30 Jan 1840; referred to as Captain Henry Hardy.]

NOTES:

Margaret Penn's claim was denied because there is no record of a Shadrach Penn having served in the Continental Army of Maryland. I could find no record of the officers she claimed he served under.

The file contains a family record transcribed below, said to have been in the handwriting of Maj. Shadrach Penn. A letter dated 16 Oct 1838 stated that the first two children were by his first wife, and that Shadrach Penn, Jr. was the Editor of the Louisville Publick Advertiser.

On 7 Sep 1852 Henry Penn of Trimble County KY, stated that his father, Shadrach Penn, had said that he served the greater part of six or seven years as a Captain in the Maryland Line, and that his widow died on 27 July 1849, leaving himself and Warner Penn as the only surviving children.

The file contains a letter from William Penn of Georgetown KY to the Pension Commissioner dated 22 May 1862 requesting that he allow access by his attorney to records pertaining to his grandfather, Shadrach Penn.

Shadrach Penn Jun'r Was born January 11th[?] the year 1756

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Sarah Penn was born July 5th 1781

Samuel Penn was born December 20th 1782

Shadrach Penn was born may 22 1791

Mary Penn was born December 5th 1792

NimRod Penn was January 16th 1795

Magrath Penn was born December 19th 1796

Henry penn was born October 4th 1798

Worner penn was born Oct 1 1800

John westly penn was born September 22^d day 1802