

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Pitman (Pittman) R8273 Lydia Pittman f38NC

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State of Kentucky County of Pulaski } Sct.

On this 11th day of June 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Lydia Pitman a resident of Pulaski County & State of Kentucky, aged ninety-eight 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 passed July 4, 1836, and the act explanatory of said act, passed March 3, 1837, and the Acts of July 7th 1838 and February 2nd 1848: That she was married to Micajah Pitman, who was a private in the revolutionary war under Captain George Henry Barger or Baringer [sic, Henry Barrier] in a Regiment commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] of North Carolina. That he served in the North Carolina troops generally through the revolutionary war, was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], and marched through North and South Carolina, and was also in the battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. He entered the service in the year 1776. Claimant's husband was a resident of Rowan County North Carolina at the time he entered the service. She has no documentary evidence of entering or discharge from service and from extreme age has lost memory of the exact periods. The first service was against the Indians at the middle towns on the Tennessee [River]. She further declares that she was married to the said Micajah Pittman in September in the year 1771 and that her husband, the aforesaid Micajah Pitman, died on the 25th day of July 1834 and that she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed -- she has no record evidence of her marriage. She has not married since the death of her said husband Micajah Pitman.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Lydia Pittman, X her mark

S/ George William Eubanks, JP

[p 27: On August 16, 1850 in Lincoln County Kentucky, Elijah Waters testifies that he was present at the marriage of Lydia Morgan to Micajah Pittman that they were married at the meeting house in Salisbury, Rowan County North Carolina sometime in the month of September 1771; that he lived a near neighbor to the Pittmans during the revolutionary war and that Micajah Pittman bore the reputation in the neighborhood as having served in the company of George Henry Barger under Colonel, he thinks, Paul Baringer in General Rutherford's Army and was present at the battles of Guilford and Cowpens. Affiant states that he was born in 1760. He

signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 35: On April 26, 1851 in Pulaski County Kentucky the widow gave testimony that she was born June 11, 1752 according to a memorandum made by her father, William Morgan.]

[p 25: On June 23, 1852 in Pulaski County Kentucky, Thomas Ellis a resident of Rock Castle County Kentucky gave testimony that he was personally acquainted with Micajah Pittman whose widow is applying for a pension; that he saw the veteran marching under Captain George Henry Barger in Rowan County North Carolina under, he thinks, Colonel Rutherford or Cleveland; that he saw the veteran in service several different times and that the veteran was honorably discharged at the close of the war.]

[p 5: On January 11, 1855 in Lincoln County Kentucky, Moses Pittman executed a power of attorney in which he refers to himself as the son and heir at law of Lydia Pittman widow of Micager Pittman [sic], deceased. By this document he authorized his attorney to pursue the pension due his mother.

Moses Pittman]

[p 33: undated]

I hereby certify that Michajah Pitman and Lydy Morgan were this eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy and in the Eleventh year of his [indecipherable word] Majesty's reign King George the Third married according to the Liturgy of the Church of England by me

S/ Theodorus Swaine Drage
Rector of St. Luhos Parish [sic, St. Luke's Parish]
In Rowan County
North Carolina

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