

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Pitman (Pitmon) R8275

Dicy Pitman

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State of North Carolina County of Buncombe } SS.

On this the 22nd day of May A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me, an acting Justice of the County Court (a Court of Record) for the County and State above mentioned: Dicy Pitman, a resident of Buncombe County; Aged, eighty-one 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 the 7th 1838, entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows:" That she is the widow of Thomas Pitman deceased, who was a private in the Army of the Revolutionary war in the company commanded by Captain Alexander in the Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel Jackson, That he was a citizen of Edgecombe County in the State of North Carolina at the time he volunteered having been born and raised in said County. She further says that the length of his first tower was 12 months and that he also served 2 other 6 months Towers one of which was as substitute for his Brother, Joseph Pitman, who was a Cooper of the Army. The day of the month she does not recollect on which he volunteered, but she thinks that the said Thomas Pitman spoke of the year 1776 and 1777 as the times in which he served. Declarant further states that she has heard said Thomas Pittman speak of being in several Battlegrounds during his service but she does not recollect any particular one. Declarant also states that she has heard the above mentioned Thomas Pitman speak of being in South Carolina during his service but that the greater part of his time was spent near the State line but that his service began and ended in North Carolina. The Declarant further states that she has heard the aforementioned Thomas Pitman speak of other Officers than those already mentioned but that the names of the above are all that she recollects, except that of Washington, but whether the said Thomas Pitman was under his immediate command, she is not certain. She being old, and her memory much impaired; and that a great many facts wants none with relation to the service have since the death of said Thomas Pitman escaped her memory. That said Thomas Pitman at the date of his death was over 60 years of age and that he, the best of her knowledge, had never made any effort to obtain a pension. She further states that her husband at his death had several papers relative to his services in the war, one of those papers she thinks was his discharge, but that a man by the name of Sawyer sent to her and got the papers and that she has not heard of them since that time.

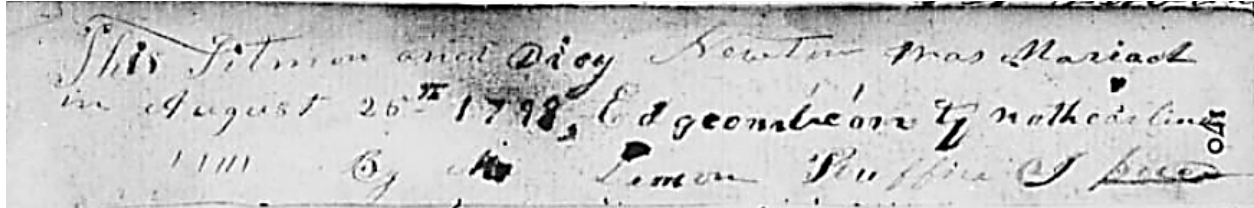
She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Pitman in the County of Edgecombe, State of North Carolina on the 25th day of August A.D. 1793 and that her name before marriage was Dicy Newton, and that her husband, the aforementioned Thomas Pitman

died on the 15th of Marched A.D. 1814: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the Marriage actually took place before the first of January 1794, viz. at the date above mentioned. She also declares that the Family record which is transmitted is true and correct.

S/ Dicy Pitman, X her mark

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"Thos Pitmon and Dicy Newton was Married
in August 25th 1793, Edgecomb County noth carlina
by Lemon Ruffin, J. Peace"



This Pitmon and Dicy Newton was Married
in August 25th 1793, Edgecomb County noth carlina
by Lemon Ruffin J Peace

[p 13: copy of the last will and testament of Thomas Pitman: dated March 8, 1816, while living in Buncombe County, NC, leaving his entire estate to his wife Dicy "to strengthen her and assist her in raising the family...."]

[p 31: According to an affidavit given by Samuel W. Davidson on February 7, 1853 in Buncombe County, Thomas and Dicy Pitman came to Buncombe County, NC in 1806 or 1807; that they had at that time 4 children, namely Elizabeth, Thomas, Polly and Lot; that two of those children are now dead; that Elizabeth, the eldest, is now about 56 years of age.]