

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Pogue R8297

Nancy Pogue

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[Note: The images posted on Fold3.com of the application filed by the widow are very faint. The version of that declaration posted on Ancestry.com is much easier to read although it too is faint.]

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County

On this 12th day of January in the year of our Lord 1859 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Nancy Pogue aged about ninety-five years, a resident of Jefferson County, Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Joseph Pogue deceased, who was a horseman or belonged to a Company of Dragoons in the War of the Revolution for Independence of 1776. That the said Joseph Pogue joined the American Army towards the close of the war in Orange or an adjoining County North Carolina. That declarant does not know certainly the company or No. to which he was attached, nor does she know certainly the names of the officers under whom her said husband served; but declarant has heard her said husband speak of Captain Willis Span and Captain James Farquar [James Farquhar] when speaking of the Revolutionary Army and incidents relating thereto, and of his own services, and she thinks it likely they were out at the same time, and were in the same service that her husband was, if they were not or one of them his Captain. Declarant has heard her said husband frequently in his lifetime say that he was in three different engagements or battles in the Revolutionary War that he never received any pay for his services, & that he lost a mare in one of the battles in which he was engaged, and also his saddle to which he never received any compensation or remuneration.

Deponent has the impression that she heard her husband say that he was in a battle at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781]. That her said husband was in the actual service of the American Army when peace was made between the colonies and Great Britain. Declarant has no discharge or other revolutionary paper in her possession or evidence of the services of her said husband they having been lost. She further states that she was married to the said Joseph Pogue about the year 1782 or 1783 by John Warmix [sic, John Womack?] Esquire in Caswell County North Carolina, and that her name before her said marriage was Nancy Harper (and that her brother Richard Harper was a soldier in the Revolution, and in his lifetime drew a pension) that her said husband died in Jefferson County Tennessee about the year 1834 or 1835, and that she is now his widow -- that she has no private family record of their marriage.

Declarant further states that her said husband a short time before his death went to Greenville Tennessee to have a declaration prepared to send to the pension office, and that John

Price and Thomas Bryant who were Revolutionary pensioners went with him as witnesses to prove that he actually performed services in the said War of the Revolution, but unfortunately they did not find the person or agent they went to see, and they returned without having made out the Declaration in the proof of his services to forward to the pension Office to obtain his pension -- And shortly thereafter he died very suddenly without further effort to obtain a pension -- And Declarant has kept putting it off and off until she has become quite old, feeble and infirm, and her recollection very indistinct before she makes an application for a pension; and now she makes this Declaration which is the first for the purpose of obtaining a pension, and the pay her said husband was entitled to for his services, and for the loss of his mare and saddle, a she may be entitled, under the Acts of Congress.

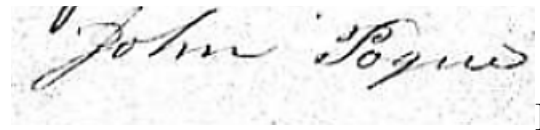
Test: S/ Thos. Jackson

S/Nancy Pogue, X her mark

S/ A. B. Keele

[Thomas Jackson and A. B. Keele gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: on January 15, 1859 in Greene County Tennessee, John Pogue, 50, a resident of Jefferson County Tennessee gave testimony that he is the son of Joseph and Nancy Pogue -- his father died about 24 years ago in Jefferson County Tennessee; that his parents removed from the state of North Carolina to Tennessee about 1825; that he often heard his father speak of his service in the revolutionary war; that his father spoke "familiarly about the Battle of the Cowpens of the 17th of January 1781 as though he was in said battle, but affiant is not certain whether his father said he was in said battle or not though his impression is he was;" that his father spoke of losing a fine mare and saddle for which he never received any compensation; "Affiant has frequently heard his father speak of the engagement at Guilford Court house which was fought on the 15th of March 1871 -- and affiant believes that his father was in that Battle."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Pogue". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial 'J'.

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County }

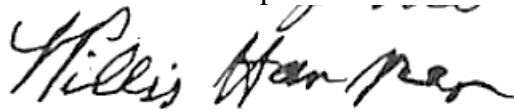
On this 7th day of January in the year of our Lord 1859 personally appeared before me and acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Willis Harper a citizen of said County aged about 85 to 90 years old, and makes oath in due form of law, that a short time after the Revolutionary War of 1776, He became acquainted with Joseph Pogue who, he heard say that he served in the American Army in the struggle with Great Britain for Independence. That affiant and said Joseph Pogue both lived in Orange County North Carolina at that time from where as affiant now remembers the said Joseph Pogue lived both before and after the Revolutionary War. That affiant heard others of the neighbors of said Joseph Pogue speak of the said Pogue having served in said Revolutionary War. It was generally reputed and believed among the neighbors of the said Joseph Pogue that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and affiant never heard questioned by any -- although he heard his services spoken of frequently and that shortly after the War. Affiant has also heard (his brother Richard Harper¹ who was also a Revolutionary soldier and in his lifetime drew a pension) say that the

¹ Probably the same man as [Richard Harper S1908](#) who is the only person by that name who drew a federal

said Joseph Pogue was in the Revolutionary War.

Affiant would further state that about 70 years ago, that his sister, Nancy Harper was absent from her father's, and was staying at her aunt's, Margaret Sowell's [?] and that it was generally reported that Joseph Pogue and Nancy Harper were expected to be married and that it was afterwards stated that they were married and they then visited her father's house as husband and wife and were received as such and so reputed and they lived together as husband and wife until the death of the said Joseph Pogue which was some 24 years ago -- And they raised up a respectable family of children who were recognized as their legitimate children. That the said Nancy Harper who married the said Joseph Pogue is the sister of affiant. That she is now the widow of the said Joseph Pogue. And that affiant has no interest in the Claim of the said widow to a pension -- that the said Joseph Pogue was a man of the strictest truth and integrity.

S/ Willis Harper

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willis Harper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Willis Harper".

[p 20: certificate dated February 4, 1849 issued by the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made to Joseph Pogue for militia services during the revolutionary war.]

pension for services in the Revolutionary War.