

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sage R9140 Lovice (Lovise) f85VA
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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 17th of June A.D. 1844
State of Virginia County of Grayson

Be it known that on the 5th day of May A.D. 1851 before the subscriber Charles Dougherty a Justice of the Peace in and for the County above mentioned personally appeared Lovice Sage widow of James Sage deceased – She being a resident of Grayson County aforesaid and aged 95 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 17th of June 1844 above named – That she is the widow of James Sage deceased whose lawful wife she was at the time of his death, who was a soldier private (as is supposed) in the Revolutionary Ward – he was drafted in the former County of Montgomery Virginia – Now wife County Virginia for the term of eight months at least, in the year 1779 – in the company commanded by Captain Robin Sawyers – after his discharge he returned home in the Fall of the year – and on the 25th day of December 1780 we were married in the Spring or summer following he was drafted the second time for six months – in the company of James Montgomery – after being discharge from this service he returned home – and before his return my first child was born – he then stayed at home until the next spring, and then was drafted a third time for six months in the company of John Montgomery and under the command of Colonel James [name written over and illegible] after being discharge from this tour of service he returned home in the Fall of the year – and stayed home until sometime in the spring or summer following – and he then volunteered for six months in the company of John Montgomery (according to the best of my recollection) and as I think under command of Colonel Crocket [Crockett] – after he was discharged in Pennsylvania, he left his several discharges in that state in a pair of buckskin pants – I do not remember all the battles that I have heard my said husband mentioned that he was in but I do recollect to have heard him tell of some six or eight that he was then to wit the Battles of Monmouth, Bunkers' Hill, Sullivan's Island – and several skirmishes with the Tories – whether these battles were before or after the marriage this affiant is not able to say as her husband was in the service some time before the marriage as well as afterwards – the marriage between myself & aforesaid James Sage deceased took place on the 25th day of December A.D. 1780, married in the former County of Montgomery now wife – by publication of the banns of matrimony without any License or License Bond – for marriage, my name before her said marriage was Lovis Ott¹ – I have no recollection of any living witness that was present at my marriage or saw me married to the aforesaid James Sage deceased – I have no record in existence of my marriage – My husband the said James Sage deceased on his deathbed made his last Will and Testament, appointing me one

¹ In other documents in the file her maiden name is spelled Utt.

of his Executors which will bears date March 14, 1820 – he died in two or three days thereafter. Said Will is recorded in the office of the County Court of Grayson County Virginia March Term 1820 –

I have had the following named children by said James Sage besides two that are dead to wit

Samuel Sage born 5th of August 1781

John Sage born 24th of October 1782

James Sage born 17 June 1784

Mary Sage born 4 December 1785

Catharine Sage born 5 January 1786

Lovis Sage born 1 March 1787

Margaret Sage born 1 February 1790

Sampson Sage born the 11th of February 1792

Ester Sage born 26 October 1793

Ann Sage born 26 October 1795

Charles Sage born the 11 July 1797

William Sage born 11 May 1800

Ezekiel Sage born 11 May 1803

Elizabeth Sage born 12 April 1805

I further state & swear that my said husband James Sage was a Baker by trade and that he acted as Baker to the soldiers while he was in the service – he having stated to that this affiant that he learned his trade of Baker in London before he removed or emigrated to America.

And I the said Lovise Sage in conclusion of the County of Grayson and State of Virginia aforesaid hereby state that I have never heretofore made any application for a pension or annuity, and that I do hereby relinquish all title all claim to any pension or annuity except the present – and that I have remained a widow ever since the death of my husband the said James Sage and that I am still a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year herein first written

Before me

C/ Charles Dougherty, JP

S/ Lovise Sage, X her mark

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 30th day of November 1785 in the name of James Sage as Sergeant Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £19.13.8 delivered to Mr. Sayers but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
13th day of July 1854

S/ G. N. Chitter

Aud P. Accts

[No Seal of Office]

[facts in file: the widow died August 28, 1854 in Grayson County, Virginia; that in 1854, Mrs. Elizabeth Delp, Margaret Sage and Ann Nelson were said to be the heirs and living children of Lovis Sage, the widow of James Sage.]