

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Scurlock R9332

Martha

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this 26th day of February 1853 before the undersigned Isaac Mullinax one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and a Justice of the County Court being a court of record personally appeared Martha Scurlock a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July the 7th 1838, 3rd of March 1843, 17th of June 1844, 2nd of February 1748, act July 29th 1848 and all other acts. That she is the widow of Samuel Scurlock who was a private in the war of the Revolution. That he was an enlisted soldier in the militia and Continental troops in North & South Carolina and served during the war of the Revolution – while it lasted in North Carolina and Virginia. She fully believes from the information she received from him during their marriage that he served more than three years. She cannot state his Captains' names owing to her loss of memory. She recollects that he served under Washington & Green [Nathanael Greene] was at the battle of Gates defeat in South Carolina battle of Guilford in North Carolina and then in the service of the United States at the taking of Cornwallis at little York Virginia. Declarant states that sometime after the close of the Revolution she became acquainted with her husband in Patrick County Virginia. Declarant's father lived there at her husband came from North Carolina to see a brother of he is on Dan River and became acquainted with Declarant and were married.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Scurlock on the 23rd day of July 1793. That she was not married to him prior to the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above mentioned. That her said husband died on the 25th day of April 1824. That she and husband and family moved from Virginia to Tennessee about the year 1795. That when the first pensions law passed his old companions and friends persuaded him to become a pensioner but he said he could not take the oath on account he had property and so he never made application for a Pension and died before the act of 1832. Declarant states that after her husband's death all his papers were burnt with his discharges believing that they were useless. Declarant states that she always believed she ought to have a pension but her children were unable to attend to such business and being remote from all information she has never made application until now. She further declares that she has not intermarried but still continues the widow of the said Samuel Scurlock. She further declares that her said husband was wounded in one of the battles he was engaged in and the ball supposed to be a musket ball lodged in the calf of his leg which was not exhumed [sic] but carried it in his leg where it could be easily felt until his death.

She further declares that the annexed record containing the ages of her children is in the

genuine handwriting of her husband the said Samuel Scurlock and was wrote as her children were born or soon thereafter. She has no other record or documentary evidence in support of her claim.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year first above written
S/ Isaac Mullinax, JP S/ Martha Scurlock, X her mark

[fn p. 6: On June 12, 1854 in Van Buren County Tennessee Uriah York, 70, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he was born in Randolph County North Carolina; when about 13 years of age his father removed to Tennessee; he married his first wife in 1807; his first wife had been acquainted with Samuel and Martha Scurlock (formerly Martha Terry) and Patrick County Virginia; affiant moved to East Tennessee Warren County now Van Buren in 1810 and he became acquainted with Samuel and Martha Scurlock about the year 1815; that his first wife was acquainted with Samuel and Martha prior to their marriage in Patrick County; that Samuel and Martha came to his first wife's father, by the name of Ray a Baptist Minister and were we had when his first wife was a young girl; that his first wife died March 29, 1850; that he is familiar with the handwriting of Samuel Scurlock and that the Bible record of the ages of his children is in Scurlock's handwriting; lastly, the affiant recalls that Scurlock talked about his revolutionary war services as a soldier in the Virginia or North Carolina service or a volunteer with fellow veterans Mark Mitchell, James Chester, Enoch Job, Joseph Cummins and Charles Payne.]

[fn p. 12: family record:

Terry Scurlock was born May the [illegible¹] Day 1794

William Scurlock was born August the 31 day 1796

Mary Scurlock was born March the [illegible, looks like "41"] day 1797

Elisabeth Scurlock was born March the 15 day 1800

James Scurlock was born October the [illegible] day 1801

leakey Scurlock was born July the 21 day 1803

John Terry Scurlock was born March the 19 day 1805

Jincy Scurlock was born February the 21 day 1807

Marget Scurlock was born June the 16 day 1809

Stephen Skurlock was born March the [illegible] day 18011 [sic, 1811]

[illegible] Scurlock was born June the 1 Day 1813

Martha Skurlock was born June the 16 [?] Day 1815

Micajah Scurlock was born June the 14th day 1817

rachel Scurlock was born July the 22 day 1819 on Thursday

[fn p. 15: certificate dated July 19, 1854 from the North Carolina Comptroller general showing payment of 22 pounds 9 shillings 6 pence to ace Samuel Scurlock for military service during the revolution.]

¹ Uriah York stated that this entry read May 5th 1794.