

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Sexton R9399

Mary

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State of Tennessee Roane County

On this first day of December 1856 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Roane County Mary Sexton a citizen of Roane County Tennessee aged eighty-three years who being first duly sworn according to law declares doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1856. That she is the widow of Frederick Sexton a private in the ___ Regiment of the North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel McDowell from Burke County North Carolina about the year 1779 for the term of three months acted in, which Term he enlisted for and during the War and was and was taken prisoner by the British in the fall of Charleston in the year 1780, after remaining a prisoner for some time he found means to and did desert from the custody of the British Guard that had charge of him together with several others and rejoined his Regiment after the British left South Carolina after having served at least five years, including the time he was a prisoner. Declarant states that she knows of no living witness by whom she can prove the services of her deceased husband but states that she understood and believes that her said Husband served all or a portion of his time with one Jared Hodgkiss¹ who was a pensioner from Roane County and to whose Declaration now on file in the Pension Department she respectfully refers as to the length of time her said husband served in the War of the Revolution.

She further declares that she was married to the said Frederick Sexton on the 16th May A.D. 1792 in Burke County North Carolina that she has no record of her said marriage: and that her Husband the aforesaid Frederick Sexton died in Roane County Tennessee on the 3rd day of November 1821. She states that she is a feeble old woman, and was not aware that she was entitled to a pension for the services of her Deceased Husband until recently and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said Husband as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

¹ This MAY be a reference to Jared Hotchkiss W368, but this veteran served all his time in the Conn. Continental Line in the New England area. He gives a very detailed description of his service. After the war, he moved to Virginia, married there and then moved to Tennessee and was living in Roane County Tenn. when he filed his application in 1832. The portion of his application posted on HeritageQuest.com does not refer to his having served in the southern campaign at any time during the war.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written & I further certify that from old age & bodily infirmity the applicant is unable to go to the Kingston place of holding Court in said County

S/ John B Waller, JP

S/ Mary Sexton, X her mark