

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Singleton R9613

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State of Virginia County of Mathews

On this 15th day of November 1836 personally Appeared before us Justices of the Court of Mathews County now sitting Ann Singleton a Resident in the County of Mathews and State of Virginia aged seventy-seven 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 4th 1836: that she is the widow of John Singleton who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war I cannot say when he entered the service of the United States as we were not married at that time, he belonged to the service of the United States at the time we were married he was then attached to Captain Peter Barnett['s] Company and never left the service until the end of the war I do not know the number of his towers [tours] of duty I know of one engagement that he was in. She further declares that she was married to John Singleton in 1780 by parson fields, and that her husband the Aforesaid John Singleton died in the year 1826 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by Reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Ann Singleton, X her mark

I Ann Singleton of the County of Mathews & State of Virginia to make the following declaration explanatory of the [indecipherable word or words] in the comments of the dates of my marriage [one or more words overwritten and illegible] John Singleton – made by made for the purpose of obtaining a pension from the United States. –

That when I made my declaration, I was not in the possession of the Registry of my age, nor did I know that it was in existence, and was under the impression that I was born in the year 1758. I know that I was married at the age of 22 years – that added to 1758 makes the year of the marriage 1780 and hence I so arrived in my declaration.

Being again called on to make a Supplemental Statement I endeavored to be [indecipherable word] particular and was informed that the registry of my birth was in the possession of Wm Thomas which states that I was born the 12th September 1756 in relying upon that as the truth, and knowing I was married at the age of 22 I consequently [indecipherable word] that I was married in 1778.

Given under my hand this 13th day of November 1838

S/ Ann Singleton, X her mark

[f p. 9: family register of

"Robert Armistead His book bought in the year 1762

The ages of Robert & Cathron Armistead children

Richard Armistead the son of Robert & Cathron Armistead was Born in the year of our Lord 1745

John Armistead was born July 4, 1747

Jack [?] Armistead was born September 1751

[illegible] Armistead was born [indecipherable could be intended to be November], 1753

[illegible] Armistead was born September 1756

Elizabeth Armistead was born December 4th 1759

Millard [?] Armistead was born 1762

Cathron [?] Armistead was born 1764

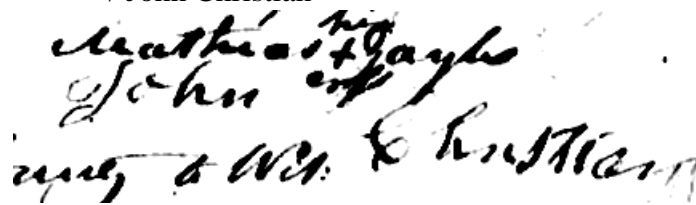
[f p. 24]

We Matthias Gayle¹ and John Christian² residents of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia do upon oath testify and declare that after having heard the Magistrate read and explain the deposition of Isaiah Pugh and Isaac Smith relative to the services of John Singleton in the Revolutionary War do depose and say that the deposition aforesaid is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief: that we served with said John Singleton at New point, Gloucester Ct. House and other places. Further we do in each of us doth testify and declare that the said John Singleton was married to Ann Armistead in or about the year 1780 – that we were well acquainted with them before and after their marriage, that they lived together until the death of said John Singleton and that she has remained his widow ever since.

The deposition above referred to is dated September 21, 1836.

/ Matthias Gayle, X his mark

/ John Christian

Handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Matthias Gayle" and the bottom signature reads "John Christian".

[f p. 31: Note the top part of the following affidavit was cut off when copied by Fold3 and some of the text is therefore missing]

...do upon oath testify and declare that we were well acquainted with John Singleton and Ann Armistead before and after their intermarriage and think they were married in the year 1780 and that he died in or about the year 1826 leaving the said Ann a widow who has so remained ever since. He entered the service of the United States in 1776 under command of Captain Josiah Foster and went to New Point and there served a tour of duty one month.

In 1777 he was called out in like order under the same officer and served two tours of duty the first one and a half months, the second two months.

In 1778 – he served two tours of duty at New Point under Captain Ro. Gayle – the first tour two months – the second one a half month.

In 1779 he was called out and served two tours of duty under command of the same officer at the same place – the first one a half month, the second two months.

In 1780 he was called out in like order under command of Captain Peter Barnett and served two tours of duty during the year at New Point, the first tour one month: the second tour

¹ FPA W7491

² [John Christian S15276](#)

two months.

In 1781 he was called into service under command of Captain Peter Barnett, when all the Militia of Gloucester County was called out, and marched to Gloucester Court House thence to Hubbard's old field, thence to Ware Church, thence to Sowel's old field, where he remained some time. After which he was marched to Gloucester Town where a battle was fought in which tour he served three months. He was engaged in several skirmishes while on duty at New Point. He was born in the County of Gloucester Kingston Parish where he resided during his life. The terms of duty are stated to the best of our recollection.

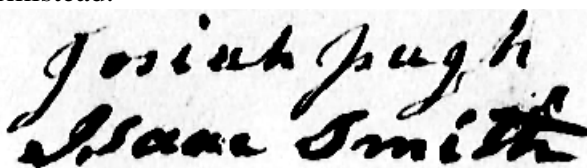
S/ Isaac Smith³

S/ Josiah Pugh⁴

[f p. 34]

We Josiah Pugh and Isaac Smith do upon oath testify & declare, that we were born & raised in the Parrish at Kingston, now Mathews County Virginia, that we knew and were well acquainted with John Singleton from his boyhood until his death which was in the year 1826: that he was born and raised in the Parish aforesaid and there resided during his life that he entered the service of the United States as a private under command of Captain Josiah Foster in the year 1776 the time Lord Dunmore came to Gwynn's Island and served as follows viz.: in 1776 he served one month at New Point. In 1777 he served two tours of duty the first one & a half months the second 2 months both at New point. In 1778 he was called out under command of Captain Robert Gayle and served 2 tours of duty at New point the first 2 months the second one & half months. In 1779 he served under the last mentioned officer 2 tours of duty at the same place the first one and a half months the second 2 months. In 1780 he was called out under command of Captain Peter Barnett and served 2 tours of duty at New point the first one month the second 2 months. In 1781 he was called out with all the militia of Gloucester County under command of Captain Barnett or Bernard was marched to Gloucester Court House; thence to Hubbard's old field, thence to Ware Church, thence to Sowel's old fields thence to Gloucester ferry where a battle was fought in all of which he served about 3 months: that he was engaged in several skirmishes at New Point & that we came in possession of the knowledge of his service from having served with him at the place above specified. The terms of service are stated to the best of our recollection.

Further we do & each of us doth, testify & declare that he was married to Ann Armistead (agreeable to the neighborhood report) in the year 1780: that he lived with her during his life, by whom he raised children, who now live in this County and are heirs of his estate & that the said Ann is now the widow of said John Armistead.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature reads "Josiah Pugh" and the bottom signature reads "Isaac Smith". Both are written in a cursive, slanted script.

[Attested March 13, 1837]

[f p. 39: William Thomas testified on July 3, 1838 in Mathews County Virginia that he was well acquainted with John Singleton in his family and that Singleton's oldest child Mary Singleton if

³ [Isaac Smith S11427](#)

⁴ FPA W5586

she were alive would be 59 years of age.]

[f p. 11: Power of attorney dated October 12, 1852 executed in Mathews County Virginia by John Thomas and Catharine his wife, Catherine being the daughter of John Singleton a revolutionary soldier

John Thomas
Catharine Thomas