

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christian Soots (Souts, Suits) R9934 Mary M. fn30NC
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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows
State of North Carolina Wilkes County: SS

On this 17th day of September 1842 personally appeared before me James Martin one of the Acting Justices for such County Mary M. Soots a resident of the County aforesaid aged eighty-six 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 of the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Christian Soots, who was a private in the Militia of the United States in the Revolutionary War; that in consequence of old age and the loss of memory, and having no record she cannot swear positively as to his services, but according to the best of her recollection her husband the above William Soots entered the service of the United States by enlisting or as a volunteer in the County of Guilford North Carolina in the company of Captain Henry Witesel, in the Date of 1776 or 1777, and served at that time twelve months, he stated home a short time and entered the service in the Militia again under (she believes) Captain Albright and served at that time nine months, returned home again, this was in the year 1778, he entered the service again about the date 1778 or 79 does not recollect his Officers, but he got shot in his right side while in the service this time he returned home having served at this time six months making in all as she believes the term of two years and three months, she further declares that she was married to the said Christian Soots on the 13th of September in the year 1780; that her husband the aforesaid Christian Soots died on the 31st day of May 1820, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz. at the time above mentioned, that she was married by a Justice of the peace named George Cottner, that her oldest child was sixty-one years old last May and her second child is fifty-nine years old next October, this is to the best of her recollection, she has no family record to show the children's ages or her marriage but believes she perfectly recollects the time of her marriage and the age of her children and that she has not married since the death of her husband Christian Soots.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written before
S/ James Martin, JP S/ Mary M. Soots, X her mark

[Catharine Shatterley, 82, gave a supporting affidavit.]