

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Truman Modglin W1057

Mary Ann Modglin

f49NC

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

This day being the 21st day of October in the year 1839 personally appeared in open Court being the Circuit Court for the County of Wilson aforesaid the Honorable Andrew J. Marchbanks Judge &c presiding Mary Ann Modglin aged about __ years who being duly sworn as the law directs, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress of the United States of America passed for the benefit of widows and relics of the deceased Soldiers of the War of the Revolution. Affiant states that Truman Modglin was a private soldier in the Company Commanded by Capt. Joshua Hadley and in the Brigade commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], or Linkhorn, that said that Truman Modglin resided in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina when he was mustered into service -- Affiant cannot recollect the precise period that he entered the service, and to what particular places he was marched to and in what battles he was in. She has often heard her said husband repeat over his services in the War of the Revolution, and speak of his several officers, she can only at the present remember the names of Joshua Hadley, Edward Douglass, General Lincoln or Linkhorn, Col. Hampton -- she has heard her husband speak of being at the Battle in South Carolina at a place called Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], and of seeing a man hung & breaking the rope several times, and that he was in the actual service of his country as a private soldier about twenty months and was in actual service at the close of the War. Affiant is very old and infirm, and she cannot recollect all the services and tours performed by said Truman Modglin as a Soldier of the War of the Revolution.

Affiant and the said Truman Modglin were lawfully married in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina in the month of July or August 1783 shortly after said Truman Modglin left the service, that they lived together as man & wife in said County of Chatham until the latter part of the year 1805 they removed and settled in Wilson County Tennessee where they resided and lived together until the 22nd day of July 1820 in the said Truman Modglin died. Affiant has not in her possession the family Register, that her grandson in the law has the Register of the age of her oldest child Mary Harrington, wife of Hogdon Harrington who was born about eleven months after their marriage which Register shows that Mary Harrington was born on the 16th day of June 1784: which affiant believes to be correct. She sends a copy of the said age from said Register and in these words

"Mary Modglin, now Mary Harrington wife of Higdon Harrington & daughter Truman & Mary Ann Modglin was born on the 16th day of June in the year 1784."

Affiant further states that since the death of her said husband the said Truman Modglin she and the heirs and legal representatives of said Truman Modglin received from the Government of the United States a certificate for a tract of land in the Western District of this State for the services of the said Truman in the War of the Revolution -- which she supposes will contain the evidence of the exact services of her husband and to which she respectfully refers the Honorable Department for further information and proof. Affiant is very old and infirm & much needs the benevolent relief [of] a pension. She hereby relinquishes every other claim or claims for an annuity or pension except the present and declares that her name is not on the Pension roll or agency in the United States in this is heard just application for a pension.

Sworn to in open court 24th of October 1839

S/ Wm L. Martin, Clk

S/ Mary Ann Modglin, X her mark

[p 6: affidavit of Mary Harrington, aged about 55, of Wilson County gave an affidavit dated October 19, 1839, in support of her mother's claim. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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Personally appeared in open court James Primm¹ who being next duly sworn on his oath says he is about 83 years of age and was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution and is now inscribed on the Pension list roll of West Tennessee at Nashville and draws \$63 per annum. Affiant was well acquainted with Truman Modglin in his lifetime in North Carolina & Tennessee and remembers to have heard said Modglin tell over his services in the war of the Revolution and remembers his telling minutely the circumstances of a man being hung near Stono & Charlestone [sic, Charleston] & detailed the facts minutely as affiant knew them to be true as he was present and saw the same things as accurately detailed by said Modglin. Affiant is fully satisfied that said Modglin was a soldier of the War of the Revolution, but does not now recollect the names of the officers under whom he served or how long he did serve, affiant was not at the marriage of Truman & Mary Ann Modglin in Chatham County North Carolina but after he heard it said & he believes it to be true that they were lawfully married shortly after the close of the war and before the 1st January 1794. That they lived together as man & wife until the date of his death and raised a large family of children, Mary Harrington is their oldest child & is a lady of good character that the present applicant is the identical widow & relic of Truman Modglin & has never since intermarried with anyone & is a lady of good Character & entitled to credit on her oath.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October 19th 1839

S/ Wm L. Martin, Clk

S/ James Primm, X his mark

[p 8: Higdon Harrington, aged about 59, gave an affidavit in Wilson County Tennessee on October 19, 1839 in support of his mother-in-law's claim. He signed his affidavit with his mark]

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This day personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record to wit the Circuit Court of

¹ [James Prim \(Primm\) S3727](#)

Wilson County aforesaid before the Honorable Edwin A Keeble Judge &c Mary Ann Modglin and made oath in due form of law, that the following statement by way of amendment or addition to her declaration heretofore filed in the Pension Office in Washington City: that she cannot say in what Regiment her husband served & the exact duration of his service. That she has no record of her age or of the ages of her Children that the family register by accident was destroyed and is wholly lost. She thought a Grand Son had preserved a copy but she finds that she was mistaken, affiant positively states that she and Truman Modglin were married before the 1st day of January 1794, the truth is she was married in 1783 and had a daughter born in 1784 and had several other children born before the 1 January 1794, but her husband was illiterate and so is she, that neither of them could write. Affiant has heretofore forwarded the depositions of Higden Harrington, Polly Harrington & others all proving satisfactorily that affiant was married before 1 January 1794.

Affiant also here forwards the letter & affidavit of William Hill, Secretary of State of North Carolina which he hopes will be satisfactory.

Sworn to in Open Court this 6 October 1840

S/ Wm L. Martin, Clerk

S/ Mary Ann Modglin, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office, that Truman Modglin a private Soldier of the war of the revolution obtained by Joseph Scurlock Esquire of Chatham County and State aforesaid a Warrant for 228 acres of land for two and a half years service in the revolutionary war, that said warrant is No. 317 and dated 19 April 1820.

Given under my hand this 21st day of August 1840

S/ Wm Hill

[In a separate letter, William Hill indicated that his fee for issuing the above certificate was 20 cents.]

[Facts in file: Mary Ann Modglin died July 28, 1845 in Johnson County, Illinois, survived by the following children: Mary Ann Harrington, Nancy Eason, Benton Modglin, James Modglin and Tempe Gipson.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]