

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Odell W1066

Mary

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[f p. 14]

State of Tennessee County of Washington

On this 20th day of November 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County & State Mary Odle [sic] widow of Abraham Odle deceased she the said Mary from age & bodily infirmity being rendered unable to attend the Court she the said Mary being seventy-one years of age & greatly afflicted and being duly sworn by me according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress 4th July 1836 &c. That she is the widow of Abraham Odle who was a Sergeant & private in the Virginia militia during the Revolutionary war. That she was not the wife of the said Abraham at the time of his performing the service & consequently can know nothing save from information and exhibits than several discharges found amongst his papers & which she had in his possession at the time she first knew him from reference to which it will appear that her said husband was in the Shenandoah militia & served in 1780 so far as said discharges evince but from the report of her said husband he served several other tours not embraced in said discharges & which if he obtained a discharge in the lapse of time have been lost.

She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Odle on the 30th day of November 1788 that her husband the said Abraham Odle departed this life at his residence in Washington County on the 8th day of May 1829 & that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year [indecipherable word] named

Before me

S/ Wm S. Ervin, JP

S/ Mary Odell, X her mark

[f p. 18]

I hereby Certify that Abm. Odell served a 2 months tower of Militia duty in my company of Shenandoah Militia

Given under my hand this 30th of August

S/ T. Marshall Capt.

Do hereby Certify that Ab. Odell
served a two monthes tower of Militia du-
ty in my company of Shenandoah Militia
Given under my hand this 30th of Aug
J. Marshall

[f p. 19]

[Damaged text] is to Certify that Abraham Odill has served a tower of tower of duty Months in
my Company of Shenandoah Militia

Given under my hand this 24th day of May [illegible]

S/ William [illegible last name]

is to Certify that Abraham Odell
served a tower of tower ^{of duty} Months in my
company of Shenandoah Militia
Given under my hand this 24th day of May
William [illegible]

[f p. 20]

Abraham Odle a Sarjernt in my Company hath sarved his Tower of Duty and is hereby
Discharged the 8th of Novmbr 1780

S/ George Rankes [?] Lieut.

Abraham Odle a Sarjernt in my Company
hath sarved his Tower of Duty and is
here by Discharged the 8th of Novmbr
1780
George Rankes Lieut.

Declaration

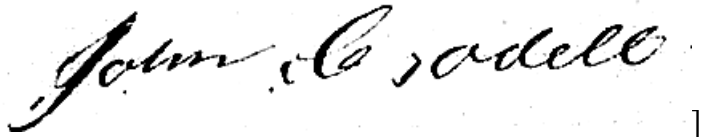
In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7th of July 1838 entitled an act granting
half pay and pensions to certain widows and in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress
passed March 3rd 1843

State of Tennessee Washington County: SS

On this 15th day of March 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mrs. Mary Odell a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 77 years on the 15th day of April next 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 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows and in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of March 3rd 1843 granting one year's pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Abraham Odell particulars of service she refers to her declaration at this time on file in the department. She further declares that she was married to her husband the said Abraham Odell on the 30th day of November 1788 in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia by the Reverend John Kourtz that her husband the aforesaid Abraham Odell died on the 8th day of May 1829 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 at the time above stated.

S/ Mary Odell, X her mark

[f p. 9: On March 15, 1845 in Washington County Tennessee, John C. Odell, thirty-six gave testimony that he is the son of Abraham and Mary Odell; that some 20 years ago his father acquired a new Bible and employed Doctor Peter Ruble to transcribe the family record using the original in the hand writing of his father Abraham Odell of which the following is a true copy relating to the marriage of his parents "Abraham Odell and Mary Castleman were married in the holy band of matrimony on the 30th November 1788"

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia militia.]