

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Gentry W10976                      Nancy Farris                      VA  
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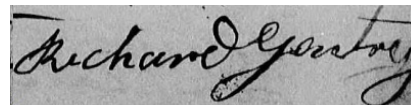
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Madison County    } S.S.

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Jas. Dejarnett, Will. Goodlow & Rich'd. Broaddus justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting, Richard Gentry a resident of said County aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That in Albemarle County in 1780 he thinks the fall he was drafted and served a tour in the Militia under Will. Dalton [William Dalton], Capt, Robert Rods[?], Leiut. that he was marched down to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County], stationed there for some time, went thence to Petersburg – thence back to Richmond & then discharged – cannot state the exact length of time he was, thinks it was about two months.

In May 1781 he was drafted in the Militia from Albemarle a second time. John Miller was his Capt. – Holt Richeson Colo. & [Robert] Lawson Gen'l – marched to Richmond & then joined the Army. The British Troops were at the time on the opposite side of the River – they shortly afterwards crossed about the hundred at a place then called Westover. They then pursued us & the applicant recollects assisting in firing a bridge or two to check the pursuit. In Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County the British Troops took the main road to Charlottesville. The detachment, to which applicant belonged had taken the right toward Fredericksburg – after the British had passed on we cut across & fell in their rear about six miles from Charlottesville when British again went down the Country we followed on – after applicants tour was out he continued to Serve for his Brother a short time – after his Brothers tour was out in a day or two there was a call for reinforcement & the applicant was again called out in the Militia from Albemarle & served till after the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] – & then marched with the Prisoners to Fredericksburg – where he was discharged. When at Little York Benjamin Harris [pension pplication W7664] was his Capt. J. Karr or Carr his Leiut & Joshua Fry [S37947] his Ensign – Holt Richeson Colo. – He has no documentary evidence to prove his services – but thinks the sujoined testimony will establish them, of Jos. Watson [Joseph Watson S31455] & Mathew Mullins [Matthew Mullins S31271] & Jos'h. Gentry

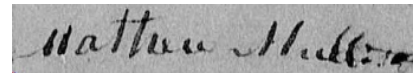
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afores'd.



We Josiah Gentry, Mathew Mullins & Joseph Watson residents of the County of Madison do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Richard Gentry who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration That we believe him to be 69 years of age, that he is reputed & believed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion. Mathew Mullins states that he knows that said Gentry was out in the Revolution as stated in the foregoing Declaration he the said Mullins being out at the same time with him, the said Josiah Gentry & Joseph Watson recollects of his starting out but was not out in the same expedition themselves.  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

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On this 29 day of Dec'r. 1832 personally appeared before me Thomas Willis a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Madison aforesaid Matthew Mullins a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn stated – that he was sixty eight years of age in June last – that he was born & raised in the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that he has been well acquainted with Richard Gentry of the County aforesaid of Madison, an applicant for the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, ever since he was a Boy – That said Gentry was a resident of said County of Albemarle during the Revolutionary War – that in the year 1781 he with said Gentry went out in the Militia from said Albemarle County in the service of the United States – the we went in the Spring & continued out till some time after the Surrender of Cornwallis – were out six months or more – that he was in same Company with said Gentry, in a Company commanded by Capt John Miller – Holt Richardson was Colo – When we first went out Gentry & myself were in the Company aforsaid afterwards he thinks Gentry was in Capt. Harris' Company. He knows that Gentry was out in the Militia in 1781 not less than six months. He also recollects that said Gentry served a tour in 1780 – he cannot state precisely the time he was out, but thinks about two months. He further states that he is well acquainted with Jos. Watson & Josiah Gentry, who with witness signed the certificate attached to said Gentry's original Declaration – that he knows that said Watson was also a Revolutionary Soldier – that he was out with him in the Militia – that he & said Josiah Gentry & also said Richard Gentry are all men of good character  
Subscribed & Sworn to before me a Justice



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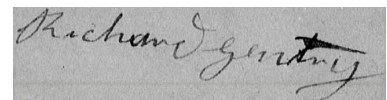
On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Jany. 1833 personally appeared in open before John Hawkins Henry B. Hawkins & Wm. Watts Justices of the County Court of the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting, Richard Gentry a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, supplementary to his Declaration made in said Court on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That in consequence of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service as a Soldier of the Revolution but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than eight months. He served as a private in the militia that length of time, for which service he claims a pension.

That he was born in Louisa County Virginia in September 1763. That he took from an old family Bible of his of his father's a copy of the record of his age made by his father – this the applicant copied into a Bible of his own which he now has.

When called into the service he lived in the County of Albemarle, Virginia – lived there till 1786 then removed to Madison County Kentucky where he has ever since & still resides.

He states that at the Mobbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] he was under Major or Colo. Boyce a regular officer. He also recollects a Colo Dick a regular officer. He was also under a Capt. Woodford, who he thinks was a regular officer. At Yorktown he also saw Washington & a great many regular officers. He does not recollect having ever received any written discharges, if he ever did he has lost them, he has none now.



NOTES:

On 2 May 1853 Nancy Gentry of Lincoln County KY applied for a pension stating that as Nancy Gutry she was married to Richard Gentry by Christopher Clark, a Methodist minister, in Madison County on 21 Oct 1821, and that her husband died on 12 Feb 1843. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of Richard Gentry and Nancy Guttry on 15 Oct 1821.

On 23 March 1858 as Nancy Faris, aged 59, residing in Madison County, she applied for bounty land, stating that she married Michael Faris on 25 March 1854, and he died on 1 April 1857. The file includes a copy of the marriage license for Nancy Gentry and Michael Farris dated 24 March 1854, as well as a copy of the record of their marriage on the following day at the house of Reuben Engleman in Lincoln County.

On 25 Nov 1869 Nancy Farris, 68, of Stanford Post Office in Lincoln County, assigned power of attorney to apply for an increase in pension, witnessed by Robert R. Gentry and Mary K. Gentry.