

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Petty W18747

Mildred

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State of Virginia County of Halifax: SS

On this the 9th day of October 1838 personally appeared before me John Milner A Justice of the peace for said County Mildred Petty a Resident of Virginia in the County of Halifax aged 84 years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provisions made by 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 William Petty deceased who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, he enlisted in the year 1776 as a private for the term of three years and was placed in the company commanded by Captain Edward Garland, attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell [probably William Russell], on the Continental establishment, and she further states that he was discharged in the fall of 79 in Trenton, New Jersey, as stated in a declaration¹ made by William Petty her late husband, in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed 18th of March 1818 to which she refers the Honorable Department for proof of services of William Petty deceased.

She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid William Petty on the 10th day of June 1784. That her husband the aforesaid William Petty died on the 24th day of October 1829 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year above written.

S/ John Milner, JP

S/ Mildred Petty, X her mark

[p 7: John Phelps, 76, gave testimony on June 27, 1840 in Halifax County Virginia that the veteran and his wife were married by Parson Hawkins Landrum in the year 1784 in Halifax County Virginia.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

¹ This file does not contain this declaration nor is there any reference to it in any of the other documents in this file.

Virginia Halifax County

I do hereby Certifie that William Petty Enlisted as a Continental Soldier the 10 March 1777 for the term of three years which term he faithfully served & at the expiration of that term reenlisted until discharged by Colonel Haws [Samuel Hawes] in March 1781.

Given under my hand the 25 day of October 1784 and that he received his wages up to the last day of November 1779.

S/ Nat'l Terry Capt. [Nathaniel Terry]
10 Virga Regt.

Entitled to depreciation
from 28 August 1777 to
the first March 81 Cf
not settled
S/ T. Meriwether

Aud'r office 27 May '86

A Copy

S/ P. Southall