

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Valentine Locus W20497 Rachael Locus NC
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State of North Carolina }
Wake County }

Be it remembered that at a County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Wake aforesaid, at the Courthouse in the City of Raleigh on the third Monday in May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight the following declaration was filed, in these words and figures to wit:

“The declaration of Rachael Locus a free woman of colour – in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836.

“State of North Carolina } SS
Wake County }

On this 24th day of May 1838 personally appeared in open Court, the above named Rachael Locus of the County and State aforesaid, aged eighty 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 made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Valentine Locus, who was a private Soldier in Capt Emmetts [James Emmett’s] Company of the 3rd Regiment in the Revolutionary War, and that he enlisted and served two and half years. She further declares that she was married to the said Valentine Locus on or about the fall of the year 1777, that her husband the aforesaid Valentine Locus died in the year 1812, as well as she can recollects to the best of her knowledge, the precise day not now recollected, but it was about a month before Christmas in the year aforesaid, in the County of Wake.

And that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto accompanying this declaration. Rachael herXmark Locus”

NOTES:

Valentine Locus appears to be the soldier recorded on military records as Valentine Lucas or Lucus. A Valentine Lucus is listed in Capt. James Emmet’s company of Col. Jethro Sumner’s 3rd NC Reg. as having served from 22 Apr 1776 until April 1778. This regiment and company were at the Battle of Sullivan’s Island SC, 28 - 29 Jun 1776.

Bartlet Pettiford stated that he witness the marriage of his sister, Rachel Pettiford, to Valentine Locus near Tar River in Granville County NC on a Thursday about the middle of Nov 1774. He listed their eight children as follows: Martin, Phereby, Kinchen, Nancy, Ruthy, Polly, Jordan & Absalom. Laurence Pettiford and Martha Pettiford certified that they say Valentine and Rachel Locus going to and from the place of their marriage, and that they had nine children.

On 6 Aug 1839 Rachel Locus alleged that her agent, Thomas Edwards, was collecting her pension and not giving it to her.