

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Pitt W21974

Susannah

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State of New York Rockland County: SS: On this 17th day of November 1840 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Susannah Pitt, a resident of the town of Haverstraw, in said County, aged seventy-seven 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 7, 1838, entitled "And Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows,"

That she is the widow of Richard Pitt who was a Matros [matross] and enlisted in the State of Virginia that he first served in a company of Light horse – and while in that service his horse was shot under him and that after the expiration of that service he enlisted for during the war in the Continental line that all she recollects of the services of her late husband is a little part that she has been able to remember of what her late husband told her. That she is unable to offer any proof of the service of her husband as there is no person living that she can find that served with her said husband. That all she recollects as to the officers under whom he served she can only say that it was under Colonel Milan and an officer by the name of Callender who was said to be a Sergeant – She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Pitt in the month of August 1783; that her husband, the said Richard Pitt died in the month of August 1820, and 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.

S/ Susannah Pitt, X her mark

State of New York Rockland County: SS: On this 17th day of November 1840 personally appeared before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Myndrick Hogenkamp a resident of the town of Haverstraw in said County aged 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say: That he was personally acquainted with Richard Pitt and see him legally married by the Reverend Robert Burns in the year 1783 the day and month he cannot perfectly recollect but believes it was in the month of September or October, well recollects it was at the time he was cross plowing for winter grain – and knows that the said Richard Pitt died about the year 1820 and that the widow Susannah Pitt has remained a widow ever since that period. And the said deponent doth further say that he has often heard the said Richard Pitt say that he first enlisted in the Cavalry, but for how long he cannot recollect – that he informed him that his parents came from England, settled in Virginia and that he first enlisted in the Cavalry – but how long he served therein he does not recollect, but that while in the Cavalry he had a horse shot under him after the expiration of that enlistment he served in the Continental troops to the end of the war.

S/ Mindirt Hogenkamp, X his mark

[f p. 15: Extract of a record as follows

4th Regiment 1780 & 81

We and each of us whose names are hereunto subscribed to acknowledge to have received from Major Thomas B. Bowen and Captain Erasmus Beatty, Agents for the late Pennsylvania Line, the several sums opposite to our names respectively, in Certificates dated July one, 1784, bearing interest at 6% from January the first 1782 signed by John Pierce, Commissioner and described as below being for the balance of a settlement between the United States and as for payment in January the first 1782

Date of Issue	No of Certificate	Letter	Names	Sums Dollars	90th	Signers
	75.892	HX	Richard Pitt	1843 39.	65	fee Rect.

Auditor General's Office

Harrisburg April 24th, 1849

I certify that the above is a true copy and extract from Pay roll book A page 129 pertaining to the Revolutionary War and now remaining in this Department. Witness my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid

S/ John N. Purviance, Aud. Genl.

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No. 1608 Certificate for £60.0.5 Specie

We do Certify, That the State of Pennsylvania is indebted to Richard Pitt, a Dragoon of Moylan's Pennsylvania Regiment in the sum of sixty pounds & 5 pence, specie, with legal interest from the 10th day of April 1781, being the amount of the Residue of the Depreciation of his pay.

Pursuant to two acts of Assembly, passed at Philadelphia, the 18th of December 1780 and the 10th of April 1781

Philadelphia 19 September 1785

S/ Jno. Nicholson

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State of New York Rockland County: SS: On this 8th day of April 1841 personally appeared before me Henry Beebe a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Minobret Hogenkamp, aged 75 years, Joseph Babcock, aged 77 years and George Babcock, aged 75 years, all residents of the town of Haverstraw in said County who being first duly sworn according to law do each depose and say that they became first acquainted with Richard Pitt now deceased late the husband of Susanna Pitt at or near the close of the Revolutionary War and at that time he wore regimental clothes and then informed these deponents that he had served during the said war among the Virginia troops, that he served in the Light horse and then enlisted in the Continental troops and was wounded slightly in his right arm a little above the elbow, that he often showed the scar left of the wound, and also told these deponents that while serving in the Light horse, in a battle his horse was shot and he took off his saddle and bridle and made his escape with it and that he also informed these deponents that he was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781], these declarations they often heard him make both before and after his marriage, And the said Joseph and George do further say that they were not at their wedding but heard it reported at the time and that they lived together as man and wife and it was believed that they were lawfully such by the whole neighborhood but the said Minbert Hagancomp says that he was at the wedding of the said Richard and Susanna Pitt and seen them lawfully married by Robert Burns the Presbyterian Preacher then living in Haverstraw and that the said Minobert

Hogencamp is an illiterate person and unable to write his name.

S/ Minoberet Hogencamp, X his mark

S/ Joseph Babcock, X his mark

S/ George Babcock, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th 1836 for her husband service in the Virginia service.]