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Pension Application of James Cardwell W2998

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The deposition of Sherwood Maddox [pension application W2823] Taken at the office of S. Calvert a Justice of the Peace for the County of Owen and State of Kentucky on the 1st day of January 1839 who being of Lawfull age and first duly sworn deposeseth as follows That he is at this time seventy seven years of age and is so infirm that he canot without great difficulty attend in Court. that he was well acquainted with James Cardwell a Soldier of the revolution. That he was a mess mate of the said Cardwell in the year seventeen Hundred and Eighty one in Captain [Hughes] Woodson's company of the Reg't commanded by Col Halcom [sic: John Holcombe] and Gen'l. Lawsons [Robert Lawson's] Brigade of the Virginia Line That the said Cardwell then served all the time that this deponant did which was two months this deponant further states that said Cardwell was in the servis before him this deponant and when he first joined the army but how long he the said Cardwell had been in the servis before this deponant first got acquainted with him he does not know but dos well recolect that said Cardwell was a faithfull soldier during the time that they served Together

Sherwood hisXmark Maddox

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [28 Sep 1839]

I Benjamin Marshall [S5728] of Charlotte, do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with James Cardwell late of Charlotte, in the war of the Revolution – I knew well, for I was in the service with him, that in April, 1780, the said James Cardwell was drafted in the militia from the County of Charlotte under Capt Thomas Williams, for the term of six months, marched to the South, and was engaged in the battle near Camden in August, 1780 [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] – Col [Rawleigh] Downman and General [Edward] Stevens commanded the Regiment. The said Cardwell on this occasion served faithfully, and was honorably discharged. I farther certify, in 1781, the said James Cardwell was drafted again from Charlotte County under Capt Wallace for three months, and was at the siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – He was a good, brave and efficient soldier and served his country faithfully, for I was with him, and know the fact – I am in the 81st year of my age, and now a pensioner of the Untied States.

Benjamin hisXmark Marshall

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [7 Oct 1839]

I Thomas Harvey [R4715] of Charlotte, Virginia, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with James Cardwell formerly of said County, during the War of the Revolution, and recollect distinctly that in the early part of the year 1780, the said James Cardwell was drafted in the Militia from said County under Capt Thomas Williams, marched to the South, and was engaged in the battle near Camden, in August, 1780 – Col Downman and General Stevens commanded the Regiment. He was drafted on this occasion for six months, and served accordingly. I further certify, that in 1781, he was drafted again under Capt [John] Harvey, for two or three months, and was at the battle of Guilford in North Carolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], which term he served faithfully – that in August, 1781, he was drafted again in the Militia under Capt Wallace from same county, for three months, and was at the siege of Yorktown, all of which tours, he served faithfully—

Thomas hisXmark Harvey

State of Kentucky }
Mercer county }

On this twenty ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace and one of the judges of the Mercer county court, (it being a court of Record) Sally Cardwell a resident of said county of Mercer aged seventy six

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 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," that she is the widow of James Cardwell (deceased) who was a soldier in the army of the Revolution in the Militia of the State of Virginia called the Virginia line, (and who served as a faithful soldier as appears by the several affidavits that her said husband always told her that he served upwards of two years. The last year he was in the service he was ordered by Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] to ride express several month as appears by annexed discharge,) – She further declares that she was married to the said James Cardwell on the fourth day of May seventeen hundred and eighty eight in the said county of Mercer & state of Kentucky, and that her husband the aforesaid James Cardwell died on the twenty sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and six in said county. 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 viz at the time above stated. She further declares that she has remained a widow ever since the decease of her s'd husband having never been married to any other person. Witness my hand this day and year above stated [signed] Sarah Cardwell [Martha Epperson, 86, widow of Thomas Epperson (pension application W7713) made a supporting statement.]

Camp on Deep River March 31. 1781.

Mr. James Cardwell & Christopher Haskings having been employed for some time past as Expresses are hereby discharged from the same. Rob. Saunders. [Robert Saunders]

A.D.Q.M.S.A. [Assistant Deputy Quarter Master Southern Army]

State of Kentucky } Sct

Mercer County } Mercer County Court

John Cardwell of said County came into open Court & being first duly sworn according to law on his Oath makes the following declaration – Towit – That he is the son of James Cardwell and Sally Cardwell both deceased and late of the County of Mercer & State of Kentucky And Administrator of the Estate of Sally Cardwell deceased. That the said Sally Cardwell was in her lifetime a Revolutionary Pensioner on the Kentucky Roll at the rate of \$20 per annum on account of the services of her husband the said James Cardwell in the Revolution. That he has always understood & believed that his said father served for a period of about three years & six months in the Revolution. That he was for a time under General LaFayette – served for a time in the Cavalry under Colonel [William] Washington. That he served under General [Horatio] Gates at the time of his defeat – & served under General Green from the time he took the Command in South Carolina [sic: at Charlotte NC on 3 Dec 1780] – until after the taking of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] & was present in that occasion. He further states that he served for a time as an Express Rider – in which office he served at the battle of Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] & from that time until the close of the war – He therefore believes that there is an increase of Pension due the heirs of said Sally Cardwell she not having received the full amount to which she was entitled. That his said mother died in Mercer County Ky on the Eleventh day of February (1853) Eighteen Hundred & Fifty Three, leaving this affiant, William Cardwell, Cuzza Forsythe, Anthony Cardwell, James Cardwell & George Cardwell her only surviving children all of whom are still living. He further states that the said Sally Cardwell did not again intermarry after the death of the said James Cardwell but remained his widow until her death.

[signed] John Cardwell

NOTE: The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 3 May 1788 by James Cardwell and Anthony Crocket for the marriage of Cardwell to Sary Crocket. Robert B. McAfee stated that he had married a daughter of James and Sally Cardwell. A document dated 4 July 1853 refers to John Cardwell as Colonel.