

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lazarus Flora (Flory) W3975

Winnifred Flora

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State of North Carolina

On this the 12th day of September 1842 personally appeared before me William H. Battle one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for the State aforesaid, Winnifred Flora resident of the County of Edgecombe, aged seventy-four 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 act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Lazarus Flora, who was a private in the Army of the Revolution -- that the said Lazarus entered the service as appears by the annexed certificate from William Hill Secretary of State of North Carolina on the 4th day of September 1777 & continued therein for the space of three years. That he resided in Currituck County North Carolina at the time he entered the service & was a volunteer -- That she has often heard the said Lazarus speak of Battles in which he was engaged & of the Country through which he marched, that she does not now recollect the names of the places.

She further declares that she was married to the said Lazarus Flora sometime in the month of October 1784 but she does not recollect the precise day. That her husband the aforesaid Lazarus died in the Spring of 1799 the day & month not being recollected by her; 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.

That there is no record evidence of any kind of said marriage & no person now living within her knowledge, by which or whom the same can be established -- & that the marriage took place in Currituck County -- at her father's house, the ceremony being performed by one Jesse Simmons who was a Magistrate or Justice of the Peace. And that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Lazarus Flora.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before me.

S/ Will: H. Battle, JSCL&E


S/ Winnifred Flora, X her mark

[p 9: Micajah Pettaway<sup>1</sup> of Edgecombe County gave testimony that he knew Lazarus and Winnifred Flora since they moved into Edgecombe County in 1795 or 1796; that they lived together as man and wife from the time he knew them; and that Lazarus died in 1799; that they

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<sup>1</sup> [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S3668](#)

had 'several children'; and that Winnifred has remained a widow. His affidavit is dated Sept. 12, 1842 and was given before William H. Battle.



Meedy Williford

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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County

Personally appeared before me John F. Spright one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Edgecombe Winnifred for a widow of Lazarus Flora deceased and after being duly Sworn saith as she has before said that she and Lazarus Flora were married, sometime in the year 1784, that the marriage took place in the County of Currituck North Carolina, that her husband made a will, and left the lands that he got from his Services in the Revolutionary War to their son Jesse for which lands were in the State of Tennessee commonly called at that day Cumberland. Their son Jesse some time after the death of his father Lazarus Flora went and sold the said lands and some 10 or 12 years ago the said Jesse died. There is no family Bible, nor any record of their children's ages, nor any record that she can get or believes that can be gotten whereby to establish the date of their marriage.

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1845

S/ John F. Spright, JP

S/ Winnifred Flora, X her mark

[p 4: Meedy Williford, Esqr., 58, of Edgecombe County, NC gave an affidavit supportive of the facts stated by Winnifred Flora in her affidavit above. He states that his father's name was John Williford, one of the Executors of the estate of Lazarus Flora.]

[p 11: A certified true copy of Lazarus Flory's [sic] will in which he names his wife, Winnifred and children, Richard, Ephraim, Benjamin, Mary, Enoch, William and Jesse, the first 5 children named being referred to as his 'youngest children.' The Will was probated in May Term in Edgecombe County, NC 1799. Lazarus signed his will with his mark.]

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State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Lazarus Flora a private in Captain Jarvis's [John Jarvis'] Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 1777; the length of time for which he enlisted, or when discharged is not mentioned on the rolls. I do further certify, that it appears from the warrant book, that a warrant was issued on the 21st day of May 1784, for his services as a private Soldier in said war for 274 acres of land, the quantity of land allowed by law to a Soldier for three years services -- which Warrant is No. 988, drawn by Captain Ferrebee [probably William Ferrebee].

Given under my hand this fifth day of May 1840.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 22: Burrell Barnes of Edgecombe County, gives testimony that Lazarith [sic] Flora settled in Edgecombe County near his father's to the best of his recollection in 1791 or 1792, and had with

his a wife named Winifred and one or two children & they had several more children after moving to Edgecombe. Affidavit is dated Sept. 9, 1842.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]