

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Rankin W4568

Martha

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State of Pennsylvania Washington County: SS

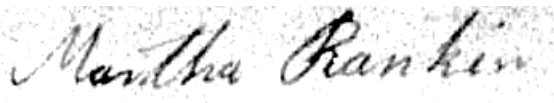
On this seventh day of November in the year 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned an associate Judge of the County Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid Martha Rankin a resident of North Strabane Township Washington County, Pennsylvania aged sixty-seven years, who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an 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 Rankin who was a private soldier in the Virginia line of the Army of the Revolution.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Rankin on the 10th day of January in the year 1792; that her husband the aforesaid James Rankin died on the 29th day of December 1812; that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place prior to the 1st day of January 1794; & that she has remained his widow ever since his death.

She further declares that she is enabled to fix with accuracy the periods of her marriage and her husband's death by a reference to the family record, which is herewith transmitted to the Pension Office. That as evidence of her husband's service in the Army of the Revolution, she has now in her possession a patent from the United States for one hundred acres of land granted as a bounty to her husband which said Patton is now on record in the Land Office and is described as follows, Survey No. 4906 of one hundred acres of land in a Military Warrant No. 3694 on the North fork of the White Oak Creek between the waters of the little Miami and Scioto – & bearing date February 10th A.D. 1831 –

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year 1st above mentioned before
S/ Thos. McKeever

S/ Martha Rankin



[f p. 6: Lois Stevens gave testimony on November 7, 1838 in Washington County, that James Rankin and Martha Rankin were married at her house January 10, 1792 in her presence. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 7: Thomas Rankin gave testimony on November 7th, 1838 in Washington County of syndicating the Bible record of his parents James and also Rankin.]

Thomas Rankin]

[f pp 2-3: family record:

James Rankin and Martha Stevens were married January 10, 1792

Hannah Rankin was born January 4th 1793

John Rankin was born January 27th 1795

Samuel Rankin was born March 11th 1797

Polly Rankin was born July 10th, 1799

Rebehiah Rankin was born January 21st, 1802

Thomas Rankin was born January 11th 1804

Sarah Rankin was born October 23rd 180 [last digit written over and obliterated]

James Rankin was born May 10th, 1809

Martha Rankin was born April 26 1812

Hannah Rankin died August 19th 1795

Rebh Rankin died September 17th 1805

Martha Rankin died October 1st 1812]

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