Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony North W5426 Martha f25VA
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State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 26 day of September 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and state aforesaid, Martha North, aged 78 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 Anthony North late of Charlotte, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution; that being a woman, and married since the Revolutionary war, it cannot be expected that she knows anything, as coming within her personal knowledge, respecting the services of her late husband; but she has understood from respectable and credible soldiers who were in the service with her husband, and verily believes their statement, that he was a considerable time in actual service, amounting in all to about nine months, for which time, she claims a pension under the Act of 7th of July 1838 – As to length of service, particulars of service, rank in line, Regiment to which he belonged, officers commanding &c she refers to the public Records, and accompanying certificates, which she prays may be taken as a part of her declaration –

She further declares that she was married to the said Anthony North, on the 6th day of May 1784; that her husband, the aforesaid Anthony North, died on the 3rd day of July, 1824; 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: to wit; at the time above stated.

S/ Martha North

[p. 7: Marriage bond dated May 5, 1784 issued in Buckingham County Virginia to Anthony North and William Gregory conditioned upon the marriage of Anthony North to Martha Gregory (spinster).]

[f p. 19]

Virginia – Charlotte County to wit: I Thomas Harvey¹ do hereby testify, that I was well acquainted with Anthony North, late of Charlotte, in the Revolutionary war, and no the fact, that he was a soldier under Captain Williams at Gates' defeat 1780 [Battle of Camden, August 15-16,

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¹ Thomas Harvey R4715

1780] and was drafted for three months; that afterwards, I found him at Guilford C. House [Guilford County Court house, March 15, 1781], at the time of the battle at that place, and then he was drafted under Captain John Harvey from Charlotte for the term of three months: that he was drafted again in 1781 under Captain Walton, and marched to Yorktown and was there at the Siege of Yorktown; he was drafted for three months: being a Waggon Master, and in service the whole time, the above stated facts come within my personal knowledge and that the said Anthony North was in Militia service for the term of nine months in the year 1780 and 1781 – his widow is alive, living in Charlotte.

S/ Thomas Harvey, X his mark

[f p. 21]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Anthony North in the Revolutionary war; and know that he served under Captain Wallace and marched to Yorktown Virginia – How long he served altogether, I know not; but know that on this occasion, he served three months – and that his widow is alive.

S/ Benjamin Marshall, ² X his mark

[Attested October 20, 1838 in Charlotte County Virginia]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

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² Benjamin Marshall S5728