

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Pagan W5499

Mary

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State of Virginia Franklin County to wit

On this 5th day of December 1846, before me Peter D. Holland a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Mrs. Mary Pagan, a resident of said County, Aged 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, and 23rd of August 1842 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of Edward Harman deceased of said County her 1st husband, and also the widow of David Pagan deceased her 2nd husband – under whom she claims a pension, for his services as a Regular Soldier – having enlisted as such from the (now) County of Campbell, under Captain John Rogers of the Regular Army in the Revolutionary War, and from there was marched to the Illinois County where he served as a regular soldier throughout the war – he being a married man at the time, having married the daughter of William Terrill of Campbell – from whose house he the said David Pagan marched when he went in said Service and that he took his 1st wife with him to the Illinois – where she died, and that he returned to Franklin, after the close of the War, where he married declarant, after the death of her 1st husband.

She also declares, that she was married, to the said Edward Harman on the \_\_ day of May 1781, and that he died in said County on the \_\_ day of July 1788 –; and she further declares that after the death of her 1st husband as above – that she was married to the said David Pagan, a Scotchman on the \_\_ day of October 1791, at the Reverend Jesse Fears of the Baptist Church; and that her husband the aforesaid David Pagan died in said County on the \_\_ day of Jany 1815. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 – as above stated: and that her maiden name was Carter.

S/ Nancy Pagan, X her mark

Declarant further states that the Family Register containing her marriage with Edward Harman and David Pagan, and ages of their children have been destroyed – it the Registry, having been kept in an old Hymn book – one half of the [indecipherable word] of which, embracing the Family Register being torn out by the children or others.

S/ Peter D Holland, JP

[f p. 6: On December 5, 1844 in Franklin County Virginia, Captain Smithson G. Holley gave testimony that he moved to Franklin County in 1827 and became acquainted with Mrs. Mary Taken the widow of David Pagan; that in the year 1832 while he was Captain of a militia company, John Taken, the eldest son of Mary and David Pagan was voted out of the militia duty

by the company on the basis that he was "muster free" i.e. over 45 years of age; deponent believes John Pagan to now be 54 to 56 years of age at least; Sarah Pagan died before deponent came to Franklin County [presumably reference to Sarah Pagan indicates that she was also a child of Mary and David Pagan.]

[f p. 13: On November 11, 1846 in Campbell County Virginia, Robert Johnson, 81, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with David Pagan in and during the Revolutionary War; that David Pagan married a daughter of William Farrill; enlisted in the Regular Army under Captain John Rogers; marched to Pittsburgh and from there to the Illinois Country; that he carried his wife with him; that Henry Blankenship<sup>1</sup> now deceased of said County enlisted at the same time and in the same company with said Pagan; the deponent believes they enlisted in 1778 or about 3 years before the close of the war, deponent then being about 13 years of age; Henry Blankenship deceased was a pensioner for his services in the revolution and died in Campbell County about 5 years ago; "Said David Pagan was a Foreigner by birth and came to this Country as a convict. Deponent has no knowledge of the length of time that said Pagan served in the Revolutionary War, or what became of him after he enlisted as aforesaid and marching to Pittsburgh."]

[f p. 14: Newly Johnson [signature looks like Newbey Johnson], 79, gave testimony on December 16, 1846 in Campbell County Virginia substantially identical to that given by Robert Johnson has set forth above.]

[f p. 16]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 11th day of June 1783, in the name of David Pagan, as a Soldier of Cavalry for £60.15.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Winston and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
8th day of January 1847.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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

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<sup>1</sup> [Henry Blankenship S6668](#)