

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Pendleton W5514

Mary

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State of Virginia Nelson County to wit, On this 20th day of August 1844, before me Littleberry W Ligon a Justice of the peace for said County, personally appeared Mrs. Mary Pendleton, a resident of said County, aged 82 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 Acts of Congress passed July 7, 1838 (and March 3rd 1843) entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:"

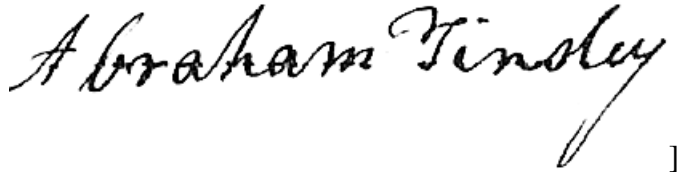
That she is the widow of Richard Pendleton deceased of said County – who was a private, or noncommissioned officer of Cavalry in the Revolutionary War and served 2 years and 9 months as such under Captain or Lieutenant William Penn of the Cavalry – under whom he enlisted from the County of Amherst in the early part of the Revolutionary War – in company with James Clements, William Tucker and others – and was marched to the North by said Penn – and served, as her deceased husband told her – 2 years and 9 months as aforesaid – and that while in said Service he was at the Battles of B. Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777], G. Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] [indecipherable word or symbol]¹ – and that he took the small-pox while he was in service for its effects were to be seen on his face, to the time of his death. And that as she understood, Lieutenant William Penn – under whom he enlisted died at Trenton with the small-pox, while in said service. Declarant also understood from her deceased husband Richard Pendleton aforesaid that he served 2 or 3 tours in the Militia after he served out his regular tour of enlistment under Lieutenant Penn of the Cavalry. She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Pendleton in the County of Culpeper on the 4th day of January 1784 by the Reverend Mr. Herdsman; and that her husband the aforesaid Richard Pendleton died in Amherst County, on the 20th of May 1829; That her maiden name was Tinsley and-that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her husband as aforesaid to the present time. 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, viz. at the time above stated. All of which will appear by reference to the proof annexed. The Captain that her husband was under was named Spotswood Dandridge, and the Colonel's name was Jamieson, from whom he received his discharge but lost it. Her husband went by the name of "Spotts" named after his Captain she supposed. Her husband was a man of property when he died – therefore could not obtain a pension under the Act of 1818. She has no Family register.

S/ Mary Pendleton, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written Before me

S/ Littlebury W Ligon, JP

[f. p. 8: Letter dated October 10, 1844 addressed to "Dear Sister" signed by Abraham Tinsley in which he relates, among other things, that he has unsuccessfully searched the records of Culpeper County for evidence of the marriage of Mary to Richard Pendleton.

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[f p. 10: On September 26, 1844 in Madison County Virginia, William Tinsley, 76 and about 6 months, gave testimony that he is the brother of Mary Pendleton of Nelson County Virginia; that she is the widow of Richard Pendleton; that he does not specifically remember the date of the marriage of Richard and Mary but knows that it was before 1790 the calls in that year the affiant lived with Captain John Walker in the capacity of overseer and knows that the marriage took place prior to that; that affiant was the executor of his father's estate and paid to Richard Pendleton the portion of the estate due his wife Mary.]

[f p. 11: On September 26, 1844 in Madison County Virginia, Abraham Tinsley gave testimony that he is aged about 64 years; that he is the brother of Mary Pendleton of Nelson County Virginia who is the widow of Richard Pendleton; that he recalls that Richard and Mary visited the affiant's father in 1791 and at that time they had one child; that they then lived in Amherst County Virginia; that affiant recalls Richard Pendleton speaking of his service during the revolution as a horseman or trooper.]

[f p. 15: On August 28, 1844 in Amherst County Virginia, John Shelton, 85, gave testimony in support of the application of the widow for her pension. This witness gave testimony that it was generally understood that Richard Pendleton enlisted as a private in the Cavalry under Lieutenant William Penn in company with William Tucker and William McDaniel and was marched to the North; that said Penn died of smallpox at Trenton while in service in the North. William McDaniel also died of smallpox while in the service; that Richard Pendleton took the smallpox while in service in the North and bore the effects of it on his face; that Pendleton served under Captain Spotswood Dandridge; the affiant thinks in July or August 1776 the veteran into the service and served until 1779, about 2 years and 9 months; that after he returned from the North, the veteran served in the militia; during one such service the veteran served with his brother Reuben for one term during which Reuben was taken sick and would have died had he not been cared for by Richard; that Richard Pendleton was a man of property and was not entitled to a pension under the law of 1818; that the veteran was known by the name of "Spott" which the affiant understood was a nickname given him by Captain Dandridge because Captain Dandridge was very fond of the veteran. S/ John Shelton]

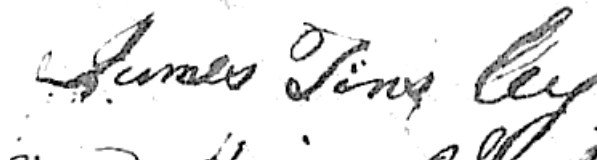
[f. p. 18: On June 2, 1845 in Lynchburg Virginia, Colonel John Pryor, 57, makes reference to a Mrs. Lucas one of the children of the veteran and his widow who the witness states is as old as the witness.]

[f p. 21]

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

On this 3 day of September 1844, before me Hiram Cheatwood a Justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared Mr. James Tinsley a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he is 81 years old, and became acquainted with Richard Pendleton during the Revolutionary War as early as the year 1775, or 1776 – at his deponent's father's, William Tinsley's, in Albemarle while he the said Pendleton was on his way to head quarters in the North – as an enlisted Soldier in the Cavalry. Said Pendleton, William McDaniel and others of the same Company – under the command of Captain Franklin stopped at deponent's Father's in Albemarle to get there breakfast – and then continued their march to headquarters. Deponent understood from them that they were enlisted for three years – and from the length of time they were gone they must have served there 3 years faithfully out – commencing no later than 1776, and continuing to the year 1779. In the course of one or 2 years, after said Pendleton passed by deponent's father's to the North, his father, William Tinsley, moved to Amherst it being during the existence of the war. That after said Pendleton returned from his regular tour of enlistment for said 3 years – he was drafted – as a Substitute for another – and served a tour at the Barracks in Albemarle to guard the British prisoners taken at Burgoyne's defeat. Deponent served a tour at said Barracks himself, in the winter of 1779, and 1780 – and immediately after deponent returned from a one month's tour – he the said Pendleton was called out, and served a one month's tour at the Barracks as aforesaid. While in the service at the North as a regular Soldier as aforesaid – the said Richard Pendleton, took the small-pox, for he showed the effects of it on his face. William McDaniel of the same company died with it. Deponent understood, said Lieutenant William Penn also died with the small-pox while in the service at the North – the officer that he enlisted said Pendleton. Said Pendleton was married to Miss Mary Tinsley in the County of Culpeper in or about the year 1784 – or about 60 years ago. Declarant has been married over 61 years and said Pendleton and his present widow Mary Pendleton – was married only a few months afterwards. Said Pendleton died in the County of Amherst about __ years ago – and his widow is still alive as deponent is informed in Nelson County.

S/ James Tinsley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Tinsley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Tinsley".

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843, for her husband's services as a Dragoon in the Virginia Continental line.]