

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Valentine Sevier W6012 Naomi fn78Va.
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State of Tennessee Greene County

On this first day of May 1837 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the peace, and of the County Court of Greene County, it being a Court of record, Naomi Sevier, a resident of the County of Greene and State of Tennessee, aged ninety-one 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 June 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Valentine Sevier, who, according to the best of her knowledge and belief, was a Captain in the Militia, when he entered the Service, which was during and soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary War, the precise time not recollected, that he served in various campaigns against the British and Indians, that he did not quit the Service until the close or near the close of the War, and was a Major or Colonel at that time, that she has lost all recollection of the Officers' names under whom he served, that her husband at the time he entered the service, resided in Shenandoah County and State of Virginia, and that all his services, were performed as a Volunteer. The different battles her husband was in, she is unable to state, but recollects that of Kings Mountain as one, that she was lawfully married to the said Valentine Sevier in said County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia (by the Reverend Mr. Alderson) about 70 years ago; from the record of the age of her oldest child, which, if living, would now be 69 years & 2 months old, she is enabled to state the number of years since her marriage, and that, she knows of no other testimony by which she can establish the time, that they had six children (two being twins) before the commencement of the War, and three at the death of their father, that were under sixteen years of age, namely Abraham, Joseph and Alexander, all of whom are now dead, that her husband remained in the Western Country (now called Tennessee) during the War, and died in Tennessee, on the 22nd of February 1800. Affiant states that she has no documentary evidence relative to the Services of her husband, and must rely entirely on parole testimony, That from loss of memory, by age, and particularly from a 2nd spell of sickness from which she is just recovering, she has lost the recollection (of many circumstances connected with the services of her husband, that would materially assist in making out her Declaration, and that, she has remained a Widow ever since the death of her said husband Valentine Sevier: as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Naomi Sevier, X her mark

I Jeremiah Farnsworth a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Greene and for the County Court of said County (being a Court of record) do hereby certify that the above declaration was sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above Written, by the affiant Naomi Sevier, cannot from bodily infirmity as I believe, attend to Court, and that she is a person of credibility, before

me.

S/ Jeremiah Farnsworth, JP

[facts in the file: Naomi's nickname was "Amy"; her maiden name was Naomi Douglas; she died July 17, 1844 or 1845 leaving the following children surviving her: James and Rebecca Rector, aged 69 in 1851, then residents of Greene County, Tennessee; other children's names mentioned in the file are: Elizabeth, John, Ann, Valentine, Abraham, Joseph and Alexander.]

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State of Tennessee Washington County: This day came James Sevier¹ aged 73 years before me Joseph McLin a Justice of the peace in and for the said County and being duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God -- deposes and saith that during the war of the revolution he was well acquainted with his uncle Valentine Sevier and with whom he served the following campaigns (to wit) one in the fall of the year 1780 when the battle of King's Mountain was fought in South Carolina a 3 months tour a Captain under Colonel John Sevier as well as this deponent now recollects. One other in the last of the year 1780 and 81 against the Cherokee Indians as Captain under Colonel John Sevier a 3 months tour. One other in the fall of the year 1781 to South Carolina after the battle of Eutaw Springs a 3 or 4 months tour he was a Major and Colonel John Sevier's Regiment and acted as adjutant to the same during the Campaign. One other tour in the year 1782 against the hostile Cherokee Indians a 3 months tour and was Major under Colonel John Sevier, this deponent states that from his earliest recollection That he was well acquainted with his uncle Valentine Sevier and his wife Naomi (commonly called Amy) whose maiden name was Douglas, and who is now applying for a pension under the 3rd Section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836 that they always lived together as husband and wife and was so esteemed by all the acquaintances who knew them until the death of her aforesaid husband Valentine. They had in the year 76 the following children that this deponent recollects (to wit) Elizabeth, John, Ann & Valentine --
Sworn to and subscribed before made this 14th day of June in the year while Lord 1837.

S/ James Sevier

S/ Joseph McLin, JP

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State of Tennessee Greene County

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of May 1837 personally appeared before me the subscriber, one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Major John Sevier, who is near 71 years of age; and made oath, that he has been acquainted with Naomi Sevier (widow and relic of Colonel Valentine Sevier deceased) and who is now an applicant for a pension as the widow of said Sevier, ever since his first recollection, at which time they had 4 children; the oldest of which was said to be 2 years younger than this deponent; and that the said Naomi Sevier; and the deceased lived together and were always reputed to be husband and wife, without the slightest allegation to the contrary, up to the time of the death of the said Husband, ever since which time she has remained, and still remains his Widow, he further states that during the revolutionary war part of which time the said Valentine Sevier bore the title of Major, to the knowledge of this deponent; and that he started on several Campaigns, and was a long time absent in Military duty as the deponent understands; and further this deponent saith not.

¹ [James Sevier S45889](#)

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th of May 1837 before me
S/ Thos. Jones, JP S/ John Sevier

[fn p. 16: affidavit and power of attorney dated in November 17, 1851 filed in Greene County Tennessee by Rebecca Rector, 69, daughter and a air of Major Valentine and Naomi Sevier.]

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

Be it known that before me G W C Edmiston, a justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared William Smith, of said County, and made oath, in due form of law, that he was heretofore personally, and intimately acquainted with Captain Valentine Sevier, (old Fort was Washington County North Carolina, but now Carter County Tennessee) -- that he also knew said Valentine Sevier's wife Amy, and her parents; whose names were Douglas -- during many years: that said Valentine and Amy lived together as husband and wife, and were not only esteemed such by their neighbors, but that no doubt exist, or ever did exist, so far as he knows, of anything to the contrary:

That he served as Ensign in a company of volunteer mounted men commanded by Captain Valentine Sevier, in a Regiment of which the late Governor Isaac Shelby was Colonel, 7 months during the year 1780:

That he served 2 months, as Ensign, in a company of volunteer mounted men, under the command of Captain Valentine Sevier, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Sevier, during the year 1781:

that while he served as Captain of a company of volunteer mounted men, under Colonel John Sevier in 1782, the said Valentine Sevier was an officer in the Regiment, but of what grade he does not remember:

that he has reason to believe, and does believe, that the said Captain Valentine Sevier was at the battle of, anticipated in the action of King's Mountain -- that he was a brave, efficient and meritorious officer, and one who rendered important services to his country on various occasions.

Sworn to and subscribed this 20th day of May 1837 before me. S/ William Smith²
S/ G. W. C. Edmiston, JP

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

Be it known that during the summer of 1780, I acted as Ensign in a company commanded by Captain Valentine Sevier, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Shelby; and that I was present and participated in the Battle on Ennoree [sic, Enoree River], near Musgrove's Mills, South Carolina; and know of my own knowledge that Captain Valentine Sevier was also present, and fought bravely in that battle; during which the British commander, Colonel Innis, was wounded.

S/ William Smith

Sworn to and subscribed the 15th day of September 1837 before me.

S/ G. W. C. Edmiston, JP

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County:

² [William Smith W22272](#)

Be it known that before me GWC Edmiston, a justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared William Smith, and made oath that he was well acquainted with Valentine Sevier, formerly of Washington County North Carolina (now Carter County Tennessee;) that he (Smith) lived a near neighbor to him (Sevier) during 2 or 3 years previous, and as many as 6 years subsequent to the War of the Revolution; that he knows of his own knowledge that said Sevier was one of a party of about 20 men, who voluntarily joined and armed infantry force from Virginia under Colonel Christie (or Christian) [sic, William Christian] on their march against the Cherokee Indians in the fall of 1776: that the time said troops were absent from the section of country where said Sevier joined them is now unknown to said Smith, but from the distance they had to travel, on provided with horses; the delays often consequent upon treating with the Indians; and the broken and then roadless [?] country they had to traverse, he is under the impression that they must have continued at least 3 months, and probably more: and further he saith not.

S/ William Smith

Sworn to and subscribed the 27 day of March 1838 before me
S/ G. W. C. Edmiston, JP

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State of Tennessee Washington County: This 12th day of June 1837 appeared before me Henderson Clark a Justice of the peace for said County, John Clark³ aged 78 years, who being duly sworn on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that during the war of the revolution in the year 1779 that he served a tour of duty in the company of Captain Valentine Sevier against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Colonel Shelby a 3 months tour, that he also served another tour with the said Valentine Sevier in the Spring of the year 1781 against the Overhill Cherokee Indians under the command of Colonel John Sevier, but this deponent does not recollect what command the said Valentine head on that campaign but inclined to believe that as he had been in command, that he was at that time in command, this deponent himself had the command of a company on that campaign --

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

Test: Henderson Clark, JP

S/ John Clark

³ This is very likely John Clark FPA S1898