

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Sledd W6075

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State of Virginia } Sct.

Louisa County }

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September in the year 1839 personally appeared before me, David Richardson, a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Louisa and state of Virginia aforesaid, Charity Sledd a resident of said county and state, aged eighty six 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 the 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of John Sledd, who was an enlisted soldier, in the Virginia continental line, in the Revolutionary War, for and during the term of three years, and served in Captain Richard White's company, and Colonel Francis Taylor's Regiment of guards, she further declares that she has no documentary evidence of his services.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Sledd on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy two, that her husband, the aforesaid John Sledd died, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year eighteen hundred and twenty seven, that she has not married since, but has remained the widow of the said John Sledd ever since that period, that her name before marriage was Charity Gentry, and that she was married to the said John Sledd in Hanover town, Hanover County in the state of Virginia, by Parson Henry, according to the matrimonial ceremony of the Protestant church the banns having been thrice previously published, as by reference to the proof produced in this case will more fully appear.

Charity herXmark Sledd

NOTES:

A court document dated 11 Jan 1847 states that Charity Sledd died 20 Oct 1839 leaving the following surviving children: Thomas Sledd, John A. Sledd, Elizabeth Luck, and Nancy M. Clough.

In Louisa County on 29 Dec 1846 Nancy M. Clough applied to renew the pension application of her mother, who had died before receiving a pension. In Spotsylvania County VA on 7 Jan 1847 Elizabeth Luck also applied to renew the application. She stated that she was about sixty years old, as deduced from the fact "that her mother had four children older than she was, she the said Elizabeth Luck being the fifth child & she has heard her mother, the said Charity Sledd deceased, often say she was married three years before the birth of her first child & that the said first child was about eleven years older than she the said Elizabeth Luck was, & that she is the oldest of the children of the said Charity Sledd deceased now living all the older ones being dead."

John Sledd (Slead), pension application S14479, had also lived in Hanover County and served under Col. Francis Taylor, but in a different company. He was apparently too young to have married in 1772, and he was still living in 1832.