

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Snead (Snead) W6134 Rebecca Snead VA
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State of Virginia }
County of Halifax } SS

Be it known that on this the 29th day of March 1847 personally appeared before me John S Pleasants a Justice of the peace in and for Halifax County Virginia Rebecca Snead aged Eighty five 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th July 1838 granting half pay and pensions to certain widows That she is the widow of John Snead who enlisted as a private soldier in the fall of the year 1775 in the Continental army that her deceased husband resided in the County of Hanover and state of Virginia when he enlisted and that he was attached she thinks to one of the first Regiments raised in Virginia called Virginia Continental Regiments and that he continued in the service until the latter part of the year 1778 She further states that her deceased husband was in a good many Battles during the time he was in the Army one of the first she thinks was the Battle at the Great Bridge [9 Dec 1775] and the Battle at Gwynns Island [sic: Gwynn Island, 8 - 10 Jul 1776] was another Battle that he was engaged in. she has frequently heard her deceased husband speak of other engagements as well as the movement of the Army during the time he was in the service but she is unable to recollect the particular movements of the Army or other engagements than those specified as she was not married to him before he quit the service. she feels satisfied however that the records of the first Regiment raised in Virginia on Continental establishment will furnish ample proof of the Services of her deceased husband to which she refers the Honorable Department. She further states that she was married to the said John Snead in the County of Henrico Virginia on the 5th day of April 1779 that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the 1st January 1794 to wit on the day above stated and that her husband died on the 18th day of September 1819 and that she has not intermarried since the death of her husband the said John Snead Witness my hand and seal this the 29th day of March 1847

Rebecca HerXmark Snead

State of Virginia SS

Halifax County Be it known that on this the 18th day of October 1847 personally appeared before me John S Pleasants a Justice of the peace for said County Rebeca Snead, widow of John Snead deceased and being first sworn according to law doth upon her oath make the following declaration in addition to what she has before stated. she states as well as she know recollects Col Patrick Henry commanded the Regiment [appointed 6 Aug 1775] to which her husband was first attached when he entered the service in 1775. he was a Private in the 1st Virginia regiment, which was afterwards known as the 1st continental regiment – and was commanded by Col Isaac Read [VAS4183] from old age and loss memory she is unable to recollect the names of the various company officers under whom her husband served during the long time he was in the service

Rebeca herXmark Snead

NOTES:

Rebecca Snead's application was supported by a deposition by John Snead, son of Robert Snead (R9891) and nephew of her late husband, stating that his father and uncle had served together.

In the file are two lists of names and dates of birth, transcribed below. The first is apparently an original, and the second is a certified copy.

The file also includes a copy of the will of Dabney Pettus of Charlotte County dated 1 Mar 1788 and proved on 1 Sep 1788 naming Rebecca Snead and others as his children. The will makes the following provisions:

"I lend unto my dearly and well beloved Wife Elizabeth during her natural life my Negroes Robert, Jack,

Bobb, & Bob, Will and Frank..., but whenever my Wife shall think it necessary and convenient, she shall be at liberty with the advice of my Executors to give the negro Bob in aid for the support of my Daughter Judy during her life.

I give to my daughter anna my Negroes Jim and Cate....

I lend unto my daughter Judy my Negroes Moses and Mourning....

I give to my son Stephen of Prince Edward County my negro man Will....

I give to my son John of Fluvanna County my Negro named Bobb at the death of his Mother.

I give to my Son Charles my Negro named Frank....

I give to my Sons Stephen John and Charles at the death of my Wife my negroes Robert and Jack....”

First list:

Dabney Sneed was born august the 3^d 1780[?]

Betsy Sneed was born September the 4th 1785

John Sneed was born June the 3rd 1788

Jincy Sneed was born march the 17th 1792

Polly Sneed was born april the 17 1794

wiliam Sneed was born November the 26 1796

H P Sneed was born June the 26 1800[?]

Second list:

Cate was born Nov the 10th 1793.

Sal was born Feb the 2nd 1797.

Edmond was born July the 11th 1799.

Hamton was born Dec 12th 1803.

Mary was born April 8th 1802.

Charlotte was born January 23rd 1807.

Rody was born the 10th Feb'y 1811.

Anderson was born May 13th 1814.

Elisha was born November 20th 1817.