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Pension Application of John Wigginton W6547 Margaret Wigginton VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 24 April 2023.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828. I John Wigginton in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do hereby Declare that I enlisted in the continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the War, and continued in its service untill its termination: At which period I was a private in captain Handys [George Handy's] company in the light Infantry of the Partisan Legion commanded by Lt. Col. Henry Lee. And I declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of Eighty Dollars, to which I was entitled, under a resolve of congress passed the 15th of May 1778. and I further declare that I was not on 15th day of March 1827 on the pension list of the United States in the presence of Clement Carrington [pension application S46427]

Signed John hisXmark Wigginton

Before me James P. Marshall justice of the peace in the county of Charlotte & state of Virginia personally appeared this day Clement Carrington of the said county, who did make oath that John Wigginton, by whom the foregoing declaration was made is generally reputed & believed to have been a soldier in the army of the revolution as therein stated the said Carrington being an officer in the same company.

Witness my hand this 14 th day of July 1828 [signed] J. P. Marshall

[John Wigginton made the following declaration in support of the application of the widow of Drury Holland (W3419).]

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County of Bedford to Wit }

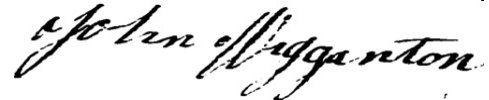
The affidavit of John Wigginton of the County and state aforesaid, aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath state, That he himself enlisted at the age of 16 years, in the army of the Revolution to serve during the War, and went into service under Cap Handy for which service he has been drawing a pension under the act of Congress passed in 1818. That his recollection from old age and infirmity is not sufficiently distinct to trace the entire line and course of service performed either by himself or others but he does distinctly recollect, That the Regiment formed of those who enlisted durement the War, from various Causes, became so small that they spoke of breaking it, but did not, but made up the deficiency by adding to their number out of those that enlisted for Eighteen Months, that at that time Drury Holland the Husband of the present Claimant, was added to his Company. That they served together durement all or most of the time Drury Holland enlisted for, which he is positive was for eighteen months. That the said Drury Holland was a brave and faithful soldier and rendered important service to the Country, That he was the only aid he had in capturing a Boat Lying under a small fort belong to the brittish, Loaded with Rum, in which he himself received a wound in the calf of his Leg. That they were most of the time on service in the South under the Command of Colo Henry Lee & Generl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], but was some time under others the exact particulars of which or the details of the service he cannot now recollect or state. That he has been acquainted with said Holland since they were in the Army together up to the time of his death. The exact time of which he cannot state as they lived some 12 or 15 miles apart

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26 th day July 1839 John hisXmark Wigginton

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia
Bedford County [16 August 1828]

John Wigginton aged about seventy years being duly sworn according to law deposeth and sayeth, that he enlisted for the term of during the war in the fall of the year 1779 in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia into Capt George Handys company which was attached to Lees Legion of the Virginia line on continental establishment this deponent further says that he served faithfully in the said company & Legion until the end of the war in the year 1783 and was discharged at Georgetown in the State of South Carolina by Major Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston W8687] this deponent further says that many years ago he gave his discharge to Thomas Newman in order to draw a balance of pay which was due him and he has never got it again: this deponent further says that he has never received from the United States nor from the State of Virginia any bounty land for his services as aforesaid, nor did he ever sell assign nor transfer his claim in any way or manner whatsoever and further says not



I do hereby Certify to the governor & Executive Council of Virginia that I was acquainted with John Wigginton in the revolutionary War that he served in Capt Handy's Company of Lee's legion in the virginia Continental line until the final close of the war. I do further Certify that the said Wigginton who now applys for land bounty is the Identical Person he therin represents himself to be given under my hand this 22^d day of June 1830 Anthony hisXmark Campbell [Anthony Campbell S9138]

1830 June 28 Rejected by the Executive

NOTES:

On 29 Nov 1843 Margaret Wigginton, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married John Wigginton, "who was a Dragoon in Lees Legion (Virginia) Line," on 6 Sep 1787, and he died 19 Aug 1843. The application included a copy of the marriage return by Rev. James Mitchell for "John Wigginton to Marget McGeorge" in Bedford County. On 13 July 1849 Margaret Wigginton was said to be 89.

Documents in the pension file indicate that Margaret Wigginton died on 17 Oct 1851 leaving the following eight children: George Wigginton, John Wigginton, Isaac Wigginton, Nancy Wigginton, Celia Wigginton, Betsey Crane, Margaret Angel, and Martha Foster.