

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Winn W6558

Jane

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State of Virginia County of Nottoway: SS

On this the 21st day of December 1846 before me William Thomas a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Mrs. Jane Winn a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-five years who first being 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 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Richard Winn deceased who was and Officer in the War of the Revolution and who died in the year 1798 – that she has heard the said or Richard Winn say that he entered service about the commencement of the war – a Virginia Cadets, that at one time he held the office of Sergeant and also that of Commissary and that he was in active service up to the spring of 1779, he was employed after that period she believes in procuring supplies for the Army, he pressed Horses for the use of the Army and frequently had a large quantity of Flour, Bacon, Clothing and other necessities (for the use of said Army) in his care, and was authorized to press such articles and to give certificates for the same against the government. That she was married to the said Richard Winn by Parson Thomas Wilkerson of the Episcopal Church on the 21st day of May 1779 and that he died as above stated in the year 1798 and that she has remained his widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by Reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on this the 21st day of December 1846 before me
S/ Wm Thomas, JP

S/ Jane Winn



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State of Virginia Nottoway County: SS

On this the 17th day of May 1847 before me William Thomas a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Jane Winn, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following statement, to wit: that some four or five months since she made a Declaration under the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 in order to obtain a pension from the United States on account of the Revolutionary service of her Husband Richard Winn deceased and now being called on for an additional statement, hereby makes the following – that although unable to set forth her husband's services with perhaps the precision

that she is required to do, yet she affirms that her Husband was in the greatest part (if not the whole) of the War of the Revolution, for she knows that when a Virginia cadet he went in the earliest part of said war to arrest Governor Dunmore. She believes he was made an officer in the Commissary Department some time before she was married to him. There was two old Houses standing not many years since on the farm of Colonel John Winn his father, which were built for the said Richard Winn's use, in which he kept military stores for the benefit of the Army. She knows he pressed several wagon loads of goods belonging to Peter Randolph he then pressed Henderson's Store House for the safe keeping of said goods – Previous to his service as Commissary she believes he went from Amelia County Virginia under Captain or Colonel Sherwin [perhaps Colonel Samuel Sherwin] a tour as a Volunteer. She has heard her Husband also speak of an officer named Scott, under whom he was at one time. The said Richard Winn had many papers in his possession which might have thrown light on the matter, but all have been destroyed, thinking they were of no value – it was generally believed that said Richard Winn and his father spent a large portion of their fortunes in the service of their Country during the old War.

S/ Jane Winn

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State of Virginia Nottoway County to wit:

I William Pincham of Nottoway County State [of] Virginia aged seventy-seven years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Richard Winn of Amelia who married my sister Jane Pincham, on the 21st day of May 1779, and died in the year 1798. At the time he married my sister, I understood that said Richard Winn had been engaged in the War of the Revolution, and that he was a commissioned Officer in the Army at the time he was married. I have frequently heard him speak of occurrences that transpired while he was in the Army. I have never known any other Richard Winn, who was old enough to serve in the war of the Revolution. The said Richard Winn was my Guardian, and I boarded with him two years, and spent much of my time in his family until his death. I also further state, that I have now in my possession a copy of an order of Amelia County Court, appointing Commissions to a lot to the said Richard Winn his portion of my father's estate as the husband of my said sister Jane Pincham now Jane Winn.

Given under my hand this the 19th day of October 1846

S/ William Pincham



[fn p. 9: marriage bond issued to Richard Winn and Charles Irby on April 12, 1779 to secure the marriage of Richard Winn to Jane Pincham of "Nottaway parish in this county." Certified as a true copy of records in his office by the clerk of the Amelia County court.]

[fn p. 11: Richard Winn, gave a power of attorney in Franklin County North Carolina on August 6, 1856 in which he states he is the only surviving son of Jane Winn, widow of Richard Winn a revolutionary war pensioner.]

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I William Pincham of the County of Nottoway and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I am now seventy-eight years of age, that I was well and intimately acquainted with the late Captain

Richard Winn who held some Commission in the Army of the Revolution, and I am induced to think that he was the same individual whose name is on the roll returned to the Auditor's Office as Sergeant from the following circumstances – After the late Richard Winn was engaged to be married to my sister (then Jane Pincham, and now Jane Winn) my father visited the Town where that portion of the Army to which Richard Winn belonged was stationed, and being of a lively and mischievous term, he visited a house of ill fame, to see which of the officers he could find there. He found among others, a young officer, with a hunting shirt on, but with his face so muffled up, that he could not find out who he was, he (my father) marked the shirt on the back, and finding it the next day, on the person of Colonel Peter Randolph (the father of the late Judge Randolph) he (my father) accused him of being at this house. This Colonel Randolph denied, but assured my father that he had loaned the shirt the night before to a young officer who was Richard Winn. I was well acquainted with the Winn family, and have never known or heard of any other Richard Winn, who could have held any Commission in the Army of the revolution. So that I will say that I have not the shadow of a doubt that Richard Winn who was returned to the Auditor's office as Sergeant is the same man who married my sister, Jane Winn.

Given under my hand this 16th May 1848.

S/ William Pincham

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13th day of November 1783, in the name of Richard Winn as a Sergeant for £23.8.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
26 day of February 1847.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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I, Peter J Grigg of Nottoway County

Do hereby certify that I frequently heard my father (James Grigg) speak of Richard Winn Senior Esquire in connection with Revolutionary War, whether in any other department save that of commissary I do not now remember, in relating Revolutionary stories he would frequently mentioned Mr. Winn with others who were present at Brandywine also near Williamsburg (under General Lafayette the Marquis as his soldiers familiarly called him) at Camden, at Guilford Courthouse and Yorktown.

Why I feel positive Richard Winn belonged to the commissary Department, I have several times heard my uncle Edward Jones of Nottoway relate a circumstance that transpired during the Revolutionary war, the said when passing near his residence with a drove of cattle for the Army (my uncle said they were not beef among which there was an old ox so very slow and lean that Mr. Winn remarked to Jones if he would except the ox he might have it) he Jones, off the fence (where he was sitting to speak to Mr. Winn, hear the news &c) pulled it down and turn the ox in the oat field, and when good beef was mentioned my uncle Jones was apt to remark that ox made the best he ever had. 12th of October 1847

S/ Peter Jones Grigg



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service in the Virginia service.]