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Pension Application of Michael Cassidy W6643

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State of Kentucky }

Fleming County } SS

On this 7th day of October 1851, before me a Justice of the peace of said State, for said County came, in person, Mary Cassady aged 79 years a resident of said State & County who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Michael Cassady, who was a soldier of the Revolution; that her said husband Michael Cassady, as she has understood and belives enlisted on the seventh day of February (1776) seventeen hundred & seventy six, in the fourth regiment of Virginia troops commanded by Col Adam Stephen, and for the term of three years, and continued in servise until he was honorably discharged by Brigadier General William Woodford which took place, as she has learned, on the 1st day of September 1779. She states that her husband as she learned from him, after this, also enlisted in the Virginia line or the Continental line for the residue of the war, and served until honorably discharged at the expiration of the war and the conclusion of peace. She further states, that at the temination of the war, as she has learned from her said husband, he returned to Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia and in a short time after, came to Kentucky into the north portion of it, then very much infested with Indians; that he became a general Indian fighter and in some of his Campaignns or forays against the Indians or fights with them, he lost all of his papers and his discharges and other papers evidenceing his servises in the war. She further states that her said husband was favorably known to many of the earlier prominent men of Kentucky in the first years of the Commonwealth, that he is the same Michael Cassidy who was for several years both a Representatives and Senator in the Legislature of Kentucky, that he is favorably spoken of by Collins in his history of Kentucky, that he was known and believed by all those who knew him in the first years of this State, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, that that fact never was doubted by any of the old people who knew her said Husband She further states that she was Married to the said Michael Cassady on the 25th day of February 1795 and that her said husband died on the 22nd day of March 1829 and that she has ever since and still is the widow of said Michael Cassiday. She states that she makes this statement of her claim, that she supposes that evidences of the servises and the fact of his honorable discharge from servise of her said husband, said Michael Cassiday will appear and is to be found on file in the records of the War Office or Office where the rolls of the Revolutionary army are kept, and she refers to them for proof. She makes this declaration to obtain the pension allowed to her by the act of Congress of the United States approved on the 29th day of July 1848 entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving widows of Officers and Soldiers of the revolutionary army She files proof of her marriage, servise of her husband and that of his discharge.

[signed] Mary Cassidy

[The file contains copies of the following two items. Copies are also in the [Bounty-Warrant papers of the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The bearer Michael Cassady a sold'r. in the 4th Virginia reg't. having served the full time for which he was inlisted is hereby Discharged from the service.

Given under my hand this 1st day of Sept'r. 1779.

Wm Woodford B. G.

I do certify that Michael Cassady inlisted as a soldier in the 4th Virg'a reg't. com'd. by Colo. Adam Stephen the 7th day of Feb'y. 1776 & cont'd. in service until he obtained his discharge by Gen'l. Woodford. Given under my hand this 19th Aug't. 1783

Will'm Cherry [William Cherry] late Capt. 4th Virg'a. Reg't.

[5 July 1851] William Creighton of the City of Chillicothe Ross County State of Ohio personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county and state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn, states that he was well and intimately acquainted with the late Capt. Michael Cassidy of Fleming County Kentucky from his earliest recollection (This deponant being now in his seventy third year) This deponant states, that he was born in Berkley in the State of Virginia, and that Captain M Cassidy resided at his Fathers, and recollects distinctly his setting out from there for Kentucky very soon after the close of the Revolutionary War This deponant was too young to know of said Cassidy being in service, but has heard his Father and the Family often speak of his services durg the war of the revolution, and often heard Capt Cassidy recount his services, and especially being under the command of the late Gen'l Samuel Smith of Baltimore in the defense of Mud Fort in the Deleware [siege of Fort Mifflin on Mud Island in Delaware River, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777], below Philadelphia. In 1796 this deponant visited Kentucky and spent some time at the House of Capt Cassidy in Fleming County and in 1798 settled in Chillicothe and since that period has often visited his friend Cassidy, and has often heard him recount his revolutionary services, and further states that he has heard the companions and acquaintances of Capt M Cassidy in Virginia and Kentucky speak of him as a daring and intrepid soldier, of which he gave abundant evidence in several Campaigns against the Indians in the early settlement of Kentucky & further saith not

W. Creighton

NOTES:

On 16 Oct 1851 Larken D. Stockton, 62, stated that he and his father, George Stockton, were acquainted with Michael Cassidy, that his father and Cassidy were both Indian fighters, and that Cassidy was from Ireland and had been indentured as an apprentice to William Creighton to pay his passage to America, and that Creighton released him from his indenture on condition that he enlist for three years.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Mason County KY on 19 Feb 1795 by Michael Cassidy and Shadrach Nye for the marriage of Cassidy to Mary Evans, and also consent to the marriage by her father, Francis Evans.