

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Purcell W6661

Margaret Chandler¹ f86VA

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[f p. 9]

State of Kentucky

At a court held for Mason County the 12th day of July 1819

Satisfactory proof was adduced to the Court to show that John Purcell, Jane Pritchard late Jane Purcell, Mary Hill late Mary Purcell, Catharine Bergen late Catharine Purcell, Margaret Gilkerson late Margaret Purcell, Charles Purcell, Nancy Pritchard late Nancy Purcell, George Purcell, Melinda Purcell and Alfred Purcell are the legal heirs and representatives of George Purcell deceased, late and Officer of the Revolutionary War, The said George Purcell was the reputed half brother of Colonel Charles Simms of Alexandria. That he is the same George Purcell whose will is of record in this court daring date the 5th day of August 1804, All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War. In testimony that the above is a true copy from the records of said Court I as clerk of the said Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County at the Town of Washington the 13th day of July 1819

S/ Marshall Key

State of Ohio Champlain County Township of Concord: SS

On this 28th day of June 1847, personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Margaret Chandler a resident of said Concord aged about eighty-four 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 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" & of "An Act approved the 23rd day of August 1842 amendatory thereof" and of the act of Congress passed March 3rd 1843 & June 17th 1844 extending the provisions of the aforesaid act of July 7th 1838 25 years from the 4th day of March 1843: that she is the widow of George Purcell who, was an Ensign and afterwards a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution, that her husband the said George Purcell lived at the time of his enlistment in the war above said in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia that he served several years in said War as an officer, was wounded in the hand, and his hand thereby rendered almost useless for life and this declarant thinks said wound was received in the "battle of Germantown:" [October 4, 1777] and this declarant further states that her husband the said George Purcell was entitled to land from the State of Virginia for his services in the War aforesaid, and since the death of said personnel, a warrant or warrants for the same has been received from the State of Virginia, by Daniel Morgan of Kentucky, who was the duly authorized attorney for receiving the

¹ Former widow

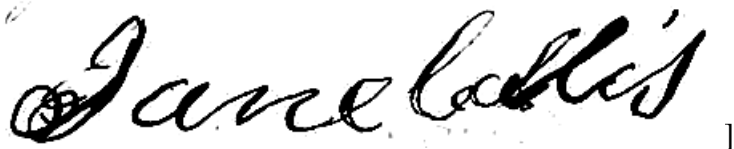
same from the Register of the Land Office of Virginia locating the same in the state of Ohio for this declarant's children, who were the children of the before named George Purcell; and this declarant states that after her husband the said Purcell was wounded as before mentioned he came home from the Army on furlough for his wound to heal – that this declarant has no documentary evidence in support of her claim – & that she knows of no living person who served with the aforesaid Purcell –

She further declares that her maiden name was Margaret Randolph that she was married to the said George Purcell in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia more than sixty years past, that after her marriage aforesaid she resided in said Prince William until she had six children, and about the year 1795 she with her husband the said Purcell removed to the state of Kentucky, and that her husband died in Mason County in Kentucky in November 1805 or thereabouts –

She further declares that after the death of said Purcell and about the year 1815 she intermarried in the County of Mason in the State of Kentucky with William Chandler & that her last husband the said Chandler died in said Mason County about the year 1820 or 22 – & for more than 20 years last past she has been in the State of Ohio – that she knows of no record of the dates of her marriages to the aforesaid named personnel & Chandler or of their deaths, but must procure testimony satisfactory to the Department of War from the State of Kentucky which will be here with or hereafter presented – all of which is respectfully submitted to the Department of War for the United States – and she would add that she was not married to the aforesaid Purcell prior to his leaving the service but before the first day of January 1794 & ever since the death of the aforesaid Chandler, has remained a widow.

S/ Margaret Chandler, X her Mark

[f p. 10: On July 6, 1847 in Mason County Kentucky, Jane Collis, 60, gave testimony that she is the daughter of George and Margaret; her mother's maiden name was Margaret Randolph; her father was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line; she thinks he served under Colonel Grayson and Captain McCormick attached to the 3rd Virginia Regiment; that he was wounded in the hand at the battle of Germantown and his hand was crippled for life; that her parents had 7 children; that she is the oldest living child one older than her having died; that in 1803 the affiant married Peter Tivis [Tevis? Zevis?]² when she was about 16 years old; that she, affiant, has never seen a family record of the marriage of her parents.

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[f p. 14: On June 30, 1847 in Champlain County Ohio, Mildred Oliver, 88, gave testimony that she is the sister of Margaret Chandler widow of William Chandler and George Purcell; that George Purcell was an officer in the Virginia Continental line; that he was a recruiting officer stationed in Prince William for the purpose of enlisting men to serve in the revolutionary

² Page 16 of this file is a copy of the marriage bond issued in Mason County Kentucky dated September 1, 1802 issued to Peter Zivis and Leonard Kohl conditioned upon the marriage of Peter Zivis to Jane Purcell



services. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 36: On June 28, 1847 in Champlain County of Ohio, Mary Hill, 58, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Margaret Chandler widow of William Chandler and George Purcell; that she, affiant, married Joseph Hill in September 1817.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Hill". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[f p. 57]

I certify that George Purssell [sic] was appointed an Ensign in the 13th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in November 1776 and that he served through the campaign of 1777 and that he was wounded in the hand at the battle of Germantown on the 4th of October, I do not recollect how long he served after that period.

S/ Uriah Springer
late a Captain in the Virginia Line

September 10, 1819

[f p. 57]

Prince William County State of Virginia, SS

Before me one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County personally appeared Mr. Hugh Davis,³ of full age &c – and being sworn according to law, Depoeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Lieutenant George Purcell in the Military Virginia line under Continental establishment – he in the year 1776 was entered the Army as an Ensign in the 13th Regiment. I understood immediately afterwards he was promoted a Lieutenant in said Regiment and I knew he continued in the Army for some time afterwards, I think upwards of 3 years, as I was at that time a Sergeant in the same Regiment and was with him at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and at the battle of Germantown with said Purcell got wounded in the hand – he the said Purcell was the reputed half brother of Colonel Charles Simms.

And this Deponent further states that he in March 1777 became acquainted with Robert Bell who at that time was a Captain in the Regiment aforesaid and served as such upwards of 3 years – the reason why I know he served for that length of time, I was in the Army myself 3 years and I left said Bell in the service.

The Deponent further states that he in March 1777 became acquainted with Jeremiah Morgan who was then an Ensign in the Regiment aforesaid and knows he served in said Regiment for upwards of 3 years as I left him there when I retired. And further this Deponent saith not.

S/ Hugh Davis

[Facts in file: The widow died in 1859 or 1860

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$233.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her former husband's service as an Ensign in the Virginia service.]

³ FPA S10136

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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