

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Walter Christian W6669                      Martha Christian                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia                      }  
County of Amherst                      } S.S.

On the 20th day of April Eighteen hundred and forty personally appeared before the county court of Amherst County Patsey Christian a resident of the said County of Amherst aged seventy 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 widow"

That she is the widow of Walter Christian deceased who enlisted and served as a soldier for the term of three years in the company commanded by Captain Rice [Holman Rice, pension application S31327], and the regiment commanded by col. Frances Taylor [sic: Francis Taylor] in the line of the State of Virginia, continental establishment and war of the revolution. That she derived her knowledge of the services of her said husband from his repeated declaration of service whilst alive and from the fact, That a land warrant issued for the three years service of her said husband from the Registers office in Richmond Virginia, which warrant was forwarded to the general Land office in Washington City and Land scrip of treasury certificates issued therefor to the heirs at Law of her said husband and from the further fact of the affidavits of Hardin Woodroof [W3485] and William Lavender [W8080] copies of which are herewith exhibited marked A., which she recently procured from the Executive Department of the commonwealth of Virginia the said affidavits being the evidence upon which the said land warrant was issued. She further declares that she was lawfully married to the said Walter Christian on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three, that her said husband died on the [blank] day of August 1829 That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service aforesaid but the marriage took place previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, to wit: at the time above stated. That her marriage with the said Walter Christian was solemnized on the day and year aforesaid by the Reverend \_\_\_ Saunders an officiating minister in the Episcopalian church by license issued from the clerk of the County of Cumberland where her father Thomas Walton then resided, and where the affiant was married to her said husband. The marriage register and bond she believes has since been destroyed by the fire which burnt down the clerks office of the said County of Cumberland and consumed many of the papers and records therein – all which will appear by the affidavits of Judith Woodson, Absalom Howe, Jacob Tyree and the certificate of the clerk of the county court of Cumberland herewith exhibited marked B. C. & D.  
Patsey herXmark Christian

NOTE: Falwell and Lavender referred to Walter Christian as Walter Christian, Sr. Judith Woodson stated that Walter Christian was a native of Goochland County VA, and that Walter and Patsey Christian left Cumberland County soon after their marriage. On 18 Nov 1839 Absalom Howl, 69, stated that he had lived with Walter and Martha Christian for one year as an overseer. In the file is a family record on a blank page of a New Testament printed in 1784, transcribed as follows:

Walter Christian the son of Charles Christian and mary Christian was Bornd September 23 1760  
pattey Christian the wife of Walter Christian and daughter of Thomas and pebab Walton was Bornd  
Desseember the [illegible] 1766

Walter Christian and pattey Walton Was marid the last day of July 1783  
Charles Christian/ Thomas Walton/ Mary Leak/ Phebe Murry