

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Fife William (Margaret)
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VA

W7265
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[p2] Pennsylvania certificate 4744
Margaret Fife, widow of William Fife
Private VA
Issued 27Apr1849 @\$60/annum

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Allegheny County, SS

Before me a justice of the peace in and for the said county came Nathaniel Fife, of St. Clair Township and being duly sworn saith, that there is no record proof as to the time the marriage of William Fife with Margaret Body took place, but that the family record of the births of children of the said William and Margaret Fife and of the death of William Fife has been kept since the death of the said William Fife, in possession of his mother's, the said Margaret family, with whom he now resides in the family mansion and that the record of the births is in the hand writing of Alexander Gillfillan, Esq. ____ and the record of the death of the said William Fife is in the hand writing of Alesander Gillfillan Esq also deceased. The record is in a family bible, the leaf hereto annexed and is a true and genuine record of the births and deaths aforesaid and said deponent further saith not.

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 18th day of March AD 1839
John Gillfillan

s/Nathaniel Fife

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Allegheny County
State of Pennsylvania

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the said county, Mary Patterson, and being duly sworn according to law saith that she was a sister of William Fife and saith that he enlisted in the Revolutionary Army about the year seventeen hundred seventy seven at Fort Duquene or Pittin the regiment commanded by Colonel John Neville for eighteen months. That he returned home when his term of services had expired. After his return she often heard him say that he the said William, was in the battle of Brandywine and to the best of her recollection a certain James Anderson was a messmate of his and belonged to the same company. She further saith that she was present when the said William Fife was married to Margaret Boyd by the Rev. John McMillan J.D. and that the marriage took place before the year seventeen hundred and ninety (the year shee does not precisely recollect) and after the term of service of the said William had expired. She the said deponent further saith that the said William Fife, died about the year eighteen hundred and eight, and the said Margaret Fife, the wife of the said William has not married since the decease of her said husband and said deponent further saith not.

Sworn and subscribed before me this
Thirteenth day of January AD 1839.
John Gillfillan

Margaret Patterson x her mark

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State of Pennsylvania
County of Allegheny

On the thirteenth day of February the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before the District Court of the said County of Allegheny, Margaret Fife, a resident of St Clair Township and county aforesaid, aged seventy four years, who 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 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of William Fife who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Wagoner and in the regiment commanded by Col Neville. That he served eighteen months. That he went from Fort Duquesne or Pitt over the mountains and that he was in the battle of Brandywine and she thinks she has heard him say in his life time that he was in other battles.

She further declares she was married to the said William Fife on the last day of April in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty two (1782) that her husband the aforesaid William Fife died on the twenty fifth day of July AD 1808. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty four, viz: at the time above stated.

Sworn and subscribed on the day
And year above written before the
District Court of Allegheny County

Margaret Fife x her mark

Attest.
Henry H Peterson Proshy

[and among the 41 page file are other papers granting an extension of the widow's pension beyond five years.]

Addendum to William Fife W7265

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 3 Feb 2014.

Allegheny County }
State of Pennsylvania } SS.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said county Alexander Anderson, a citizen of Peters Township Washington County and State aforesaid, who after being duly sworn, according to law saith, that about the year 1777 my father James Anderson and William Fife enlisted in the Revolutionary Army to serve each for eighteen months in the Virginia Troops, in the Company commanded by Captain — Wagoner [sic: Andrew Waggener], and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Neville [sic: John Nevill]. The Regiment was quartered at Fort Duquesne or Fort Pitt, about one month after my father and the said William Fife enlisted, during which time I remained with my father occassionally until he left for Philadelphia with his company, & during which time the said William Fife, was a mesmate with my father. After the Regiment with the said Company left the Fort Duquesne or Pitt, I returned and lived with the said William Fife's friends, and during their service I often heard from my father and the said William Fife. After they had returned, having served their tour, I often heard my father state that he with the said William Fife, were in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], that the said William being a large man, was placed in the rear rank, and during the battle shot one his shoulder [sic]. I heard him state further that the said William, served out his term of eighteen months, for which he was enlisted, and further saith not. [signed 30 Jan 1839] Alex Anderson

NOTES:

On 30 Jan 1839 Martha Gillfilan stated that she was present when William Fife and Margaret Boyd were married on 30 April 1782 or 1783 by Rev. John McMullen D.D. On 21 April 1849 Nathaniel Fife and Samuel Fife appeared before James Fife, a magistrate, and certified the identity of Margaret Fife of Upper St Clair Township.

The family record from a blank page at the end of the Apocrypha is transcribed below.

William Fife and Margaret Fife father and Mother of the undernamed Children

J. Mary Fife Daughter of the above was Born March the 27th 1783

John Fife Son of the above was born May the 5th 1785.

Margaret Fife Born October the 11th 1787

Andrew Fife Born July first 1790

William Fife Born January 29th 1793

Nathaniel Fife Born May 12th 1795

Martha Fife Born January 20th 1798

A Son born October the 13th 1801 died the 19th

Mary Paterson Fife October the 14th 1802

Samuel Fife Born the the 6th of September 1805

William fife Father of the above Children Died the 25th day of July in the year of our Lord 1808

Mary Fife above mentioned Daughter of William Fife died March the 27th 1803 [last digit unclear]

Samuel Fife above mentioned died the 17th of November 1823