

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mardis W8410

Elizabeth Mardis

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State of Kentucky Campbell County: SS

On this 19th day of November 1839 personally appeared before me Moses V. Grant Mayor of said City of Carrington Elizabeth Mardis a resident of the County of Campbell & State of Kentucky aged eighty-two 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 4th, 1836; That she is the widow of William Mardis Deceased, who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary Army of the United States in the Virginia line but in what Regiment or under what field officers he served she does not recollect, he entered said service on or about the __ day of __ 1776 and left the same the first time about the ___ day of August 1778 – and at the time he first entered said service as a regular soldier he resided in the County of King George state of Virginia where he enlisted under Captain Samuel Hawes and marched from there to join the main Army as she believes at Norfolk Virginia – he was drafted & entered the service a second time sometime in the year 1781 and resided at that time in the County of Frederick & State of Virginia & that he served under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] in said last service but under what Captain or company officers she does not now recollect if ever informed and that he marched from there to Yorktown & was at the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – she further declares that she was married to the said William Mardis Deceased on the first day of April 1779, that her husband the aforesaid William Mardis died on the __ & third Monday of November 1802 in the County of Campbell & State of Kentucky, that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said William Mardis & is now a widow – She further declares that she has no documentary evidence now in her possession nor does she know of the existence of any by which said service & her claim can be proved – All of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Elizabeth Mardis, X her mark

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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 __ Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 4th day of April 1783 in the name of William Mardis as Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £73.7.8 and was delivered to General Morgan ~~and was given as appeared by a copy of the settlement in the file in this office~~

for services from the _____ to _____

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
11th day of November 1851.

S/ Ro Johnston
First Auditor

(From page 200)
[No Seal of Office]

State of Kentucky Kenton County Sct

On this the 25th day of July 1851, Personally appeared before [indecipherable word, could be 'me' or 'Hon.']] George White an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid William Mardis & Nancy Marshall who being duly sworn according to law doth on their oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836,

To wit That they are the children of William & Elizabeth Mardis Deceased, That there aforesaid Father was as they verily believe a soldier in the Army of the Revolution for several years. That they have often heard their father and mother say that there sister Sallie was six weeks old when there for Father returned from the Army. That there aforesaid Father & mother were married about the year 1779, That they have a record of their sister's Sallie's, Betsy's, Win's, Nancy's (one of the Declarant's) & Brothers James' ages which record was made by their aforesaid Father shortly after their respective births, That Nancy Marshall one of the Declarants is the widow of Robert Marshall deceased, who was a Pensioner under the act of 7th of June 1832, at the rate of \$80 per annum & that she now receives a Pension under the act of Congress passed 29th of July 1848, at the rate of \$80 per annum. That they firmly believe that there aforesaid Mother was entitled to a pension under the act of Congress passed 4th of July 1836, for the service of their aforesaid Father in the Army of the Revolution, hence they most respectfully asked the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions to cause it to be allowed and that the certificate evidencing the same may be enclosed to their attorney Isaac H Trabue of Frankfort Kentucky, That there aforesaid Father died in November 1802, and their mother remained a widow until her death which took place on the 15th of April 1840, and left Nancy Marshall (one of the Declarants), Betsy Perry, Polly Lipscomb, James Mardis, Stephen Mardis & William Mardis (one of the Declarants) her only living children, all of whom are living except their sister Polly Lipscomb and James Mardis. That they hereby revoke all authority heretofore given to prosecute their aforesaid claim.

S/ Nancy Marshall, X her mark
S/ William Mardis, X his mark

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Elizabeth Lipscomb; the veterans daughter Nancy who was born July 25, 1780 married Robert Marshall¹ on October 24, 1797; Robert Marshall died July one, 1837 and was in his own right a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution in the Maryland service; the veteran and his wife had the following children:
Nancy born July 1780 married Robert Marshall
Sallie Lipscomb born October 29, 1781
James born March 3, 1783

¹ FPA W2141

Betsy born October 15, 1785 married ___ Perry
Winne or Wine Cooper born August 31, 1787
Lucy Lipscomb
Polly Lipscomb
Stephen
William]

[p 43: John Lipscomb, about 56, gave testimony on July 25, 1851 in Kenton County Kentucky as to the reputation of William Mardis as a revolutionary war soldier.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending April 15, 1840 4 his service as a private in the Virginia service for 2 years.]