

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Poor W8520

Jane

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State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct.

On this the 22nd day of November 1838 personally appeared before Whitaker H Campbell a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Jane Poor a resident of said County of Garrard and State aforesaid aged seventy 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 the 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of John Poor deceased who was a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the company of Captain Custis Kendall of the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker. That as such he served for the term of one year in the American Army commencing in the month of February 1778 but before the year's service was out her said husband was taken sick with the fever and was kept from home at least two years or more, before he returned home, and all of his friends and relations had given him up as lost, the rumor having reached them that he had died with the fever; and such was the injury said husband sustained by the fever falling into his feet whilst he was in the Army, that all of his toes came off of one foot, and he was thus made a cripple and invalid until the day of his death.

She further states, that she was married to the said John Poor deceased on the 21st day of October 1788; that her husband the said John Poor died on the 27th day of November 1817 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated. She knows of no record evidence of her marriage save the family record of her deceased husband kept by him in his lifetime in his own handwriting.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written, before Whitaker H Campbell, a justice of the peace in and for the County of an State aforesaid

S/ Jane Poor, X her mark

[f p. 3: On April 30 1839 in Garrard County Kentucky Robert C. Poor of said County and state gave testimony that he is the son of John Poor deceased and Jane Poor his widow; that he has before him his Father's family record in which is registered the marriage of his Father and Mother and the age of all of their children; said record was in the possession of his father at the time of his Father's death and since fell into the hands of his Father's administrator William L Poor.

S/ Robert C. Poor

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[f p. 5: family register:

John Poor and Jane Poor his wife was married 21 October 1788

Elizabeth M Poor was born 21 September 1789

William L. Poor was born 17 of February 1791

Salley S Poor was born 30 of May 1793

Hopy B. Poor was born 30 of June 1801

Lieusinda Poor was born 15 of May 1804

Robert C Poor was born 23 of February 1808

Thomas W Poor was born 7 of November 1813]

[f p. 27]

The deposition of John Sneed Senior¹ aged between eighty-three and eighty-four years, taken at the house of Alexander Sneed in the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky on the 18th of October 1838, who being first duly sworn upon oath states that he was well acquainted with John Poor deceased who was the husband of Mrs. Jane Poor his surviving widow, now of the County of Garrard. That said John Poor, during the war of the revolution, resided in the County of Goochland and State of Virginia, and in the month of February 1778 enlisted as a private soldier in the company of Captain Custis Kendall & the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker. After the enlistment of said Poor, he and the company to which he belonged marched off and joined the American Army at headquarters then stationed at Valley Forge; after remaining at Valley Forge until the month of June following, he left that with the American Army in pursuit of the British, and continued with it in actual service until, deponent thinks, the month of August, when said Poor was taken sick with the fever at the White Plains in the State of New York, and was sent to the hospital. The fever then fell into said Poor's feet which caused him to be a cripple for the balance of his life. Upon the discharge of the balance of the Company, after the term of their service was out, Poor was reported, and universally regarded all in his company, as did. The company to which he belonged was discharged at Middlebrook. Said Poor belonged to the same company and mess to which this deponent belonged, and he is certain of the facts he details. After the return of deponent and the rest of the Company to their homes, Poor was still regarded by all as did, nor did his friends at home have any idea that he was alive, until about twelve months after the return of the rest of the company to which he belonged, the said Poor, to the surprise of all of his acquaintances, returned home. His situation however was such, owing to the injury sustained from his sickness in the Army that he was obliged to be brought home by water.

Sworn and subscribed to before James Taylor a justice of the peace for the County of Mercer the day and year first above written.

S/ Jno Sneed

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Sneed". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jno Sneed".

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum for her husband service in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [John Sneed S30711](#)