

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Winniford W9021 Judith fn46VA
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State of Kentucky, Adair County: SS

On this Fourteenth day of August in the year A.D. 1840, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Adair aforesaid Judith Winniford seventy-seven years of age a Resident Citizen of the County aforesaid, 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 4th, 1836, that she is the widow of David Winniford deceased who was a Sergeant in the Army of the Revolution, in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment, She states that from the best information she has ever been able to obtain from her deceased Husband in his lifetime, as well as from others, she has just reason to believe and does verily believe that he the said David Winniford served as a Sergeant in the Army of the Revolution, more than two years, but as this Service was performed before she was married to him, She can only state from such information as she has been able to obtain, (she was then young and of her own knowledge knew but little about his services, but will give the following statement), this deponent then lived in the County of Cumberland State of Virginia, and so did the said David Winniford, with whom she was acquainted – he was absent for a long time, and Common Report said he was in the Army, in the line and Character as before stated, and when he returned, he paid his addresses to this declarant, and on the 16th day of November in the year A.D. 1780, she was legally married to the said David Winniford, in the said County of Cumberland State of Virginia. She further states that she has no Register of her marriage but is confident, as to the time, and the place before stated. She states that both before and after her marriage, she often heard him state, that he had served as before stated, and is entirely confident that time was two years if no more, and this was also the Common Report, and she never heard it doubted. She further states that after she was married, he was more particular in relating some particulars of the War. He mentioned a wound he had received and showed her the scar. She recollects he mentioned being in the Battle at Brandywine, and some others, but she does not now recollect where at, he also showed her his discharge and she heard it read, and does know that in it he was styled Sergeant, and that he had faithfully served out his time, and was honorably discharged. She cannot with any degree of certainty state the particular Countries through which he marched, nor the Officers under whom he served, these things made but little impression on her mind though she distinctly recollects his stating that he had served under General Greene [Nathanael Greene], but she has no distinct recollection of any other officer.

She further states that after they were married he volunteered for three months in Militia and was appointed Sergeant in Captain Creed Haskins' Company and Colonel Booker's Regiment and in this Tour she knows he served out his full time, but she does not recollect that

he told her what part of the Country he marched through, the time of his entering the service in this Tour, was in January 1781. She further states that her said Husband and the latter part of the Summer of the same year again volunteered in the Militia and was again appointed Sergeant, and he marched away, but she does not recollect who was his Officers, but she well recollects of hearing of the Surrender of Cornwallis while he was gone, and when he returned, he told her that he was at the Surrender. She has no distinct recollection of the length of this Tour, but thinks it must have been near three months, one thing she is certain, he did not return for some few weeks after the capture of Cornwallis, they lived in the aforesaid County of Cumberland when the Services were rendered. She further states that her said Husband David Winniford Departed this life, in the State of Virginia on the 26th day of April in the year 1794, and that she has remained his widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further states that she has no recollection of her said Husband ever getting discharges for his service in the Militia, if he did, she has no recollection of it, or what has become of them. She well recollects that his discharge for his Continental Services, after his death, fell into the hands of his Administrators, and what has become of it she knows not. She left Virginia about forty years ago and came to Kentucky where she has resided ever since. She further states that she lives about twelve miles from Columbia, the seat of Justice of Adair County in which County she lives. And she further states, that from bodily infirmity, she is unable to attend Court to make the Declaration. Sworn to and subscribed before me, on the day and year above written.

S/ Judith Winniford, X her mark

[fn p. 12: On February 23, 1851 in Adair County Kentucky, Sarah A. Damron, 58, a resident of said County and state gave testimony that she is the 7th child of Judith Winniford widow of David Winniford; that her parents had 8 children the oldest died when young and that her oldest child that is now living is 68 years old and the youngest is 56; that her parents were married in 1780 and in 1781, her father served 2 tours of 3 months each as a Sergeant; that her mother told her that Roda Ganaway, her mother's sister, stayed with her mother while her husband was in the service; that she, affiant, was well acquainted with Joel Drake who took great delight in telling affiant that he was well acquainted with her Father David Winniford and was a messmate and served in the war of the revolution with him; the affiant was also well acquainted with John P Bondurant who was a fellow soldier with her father in the revolution.

Sarah A. Damron]

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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 Continental 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 1st day of November, 1783 in the name of David Wineford as Sergeant of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £22.11.3 delivered to Geo. Carrington and was given, as appears by a copy of the settlement on the file in this office for services from ___ to ___.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
15th day of August 1850

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[No Seal of Office]

S/ Ro Johnston
First Auditor

[fn p. 38: on August 9, 1850 in Adair County Kentucky, the widow filed another application in which she made the following factual statements different than that contained in her original application: she states that she thinks her husband enlisted in Powhatan County Virginia; that he was in the Battle at Brandywine and was wounded in the knee and also at the "Battle of Valley Forge"; that she thinks during his first militia tour he marched to Norfolk but recollects no battle that he was engaged in; in his 2nd militia tour he marched to Yorktown and was present and saw Lord Cornwallis surrender to General George Washington.]

[Notes: In several of the supporting affidavits, the affiant states that they knew the widow while she lived in Buckingham County Virginia before she moved to Kentucky.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a Sergeant in the Virginia service.]