

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Nick (Knick) W9104 Flora Nick MD
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State of Virginia } SS.
Rockbridge County }

On this twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five personally appeared before the undersigned Addison Gilmore a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Flora Knick a resident in the said County of Rockbridge aged Eighty Seven 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 7, 1838 entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows": and of the Act of Congress of March 3, 1843 entitled "An act granting a pension to certain widows of Revolutionary soldier": and also of the act of June 17, 1844 entitled "An act to continue the pensions of certain widows": That she is the widow of William Knick deceased late of said County of Rockbridge who was a private soldier of the Revolutionary War. That the said William Knick enlisted in the County of Frederick in the State of Maryland under a certain Henry Betty, was attached to a company commanded by Captain Chisil and belonged to the Brigade or Division under General Horatio Gates: that the said William Knick her husband enlisted originally for three or five years, deponent thinks five, and served out his full term of enlistment: that at the expiration of said first term of enlistment he reenlisted for and during the war which did not terminate untill two years after his second enlistment: that said William Knick her husband was in the Southern campaign and was taken prisoner at the battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780] and during his confinement lost all his papers evidencing his service as a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Knick on the Twenty Fifth day of December Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Four: that she has no record evidence of her said marriage nor any other evidence thereof than the evidence of Mary Cunningham accompanying this declaration: that her husband the said William Knick died on the eleventh day of February eighteen hundred and twenty nine: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen Hundred and Ninety Four, viz: at the time above stated

Flora herXmark Knick

The affidavit of Adam Knick made on this 20th day of January 1845 at Lexington Rockbridge County Virginia before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County.

That affiant states he is the youngest child of William Knick deceased late of Rockbridge County and state aforesaid: That this affiant often heard his father say that he enlisted as a soldier of the Revolution originally for five years and after serving during the full period of his first enlistment he again enlisted to serve during the War: that he has often heard his father say that he was taken prisoner at the Battle of Camden, that he enlisted under Captain Henry Betty or served under him the affiant cannot distinctly remember which: That he was detailed on one occasion to take a fort in South Carolina along with ninety four other picked men called "Rangers" which service was performed & affiant thinks he called the fort "Liberty Pole": that during this march the company had to march through a marsh or swamp which was very deep & that before entering the swamp the whole company stripped off their shoes and knee buckles and piled them up on the edge of the swamp, expecting to return by the same route & recover them, which they did not do and consequently the articles were lost, & other like articles drawn in lieu of them.

Subscribed with the proper hand of said Adam Knick & sworn to the day & at the place named in the caption

[signed] Adam Knick

Land Office, Annapolis, 26th April, 1845

I hereby Certify, That it appears by the Muster Rolls of the Revolution, remaining in this office, That William Nick, enlisted as a private, in Captain Bayly's [probably Mountjoy Bayly, pension application S12094] Company, in the 7th Maryland Regiment, for during the War, on the 5th day of May, 1778, and on the 16th day of August, 1780, was missing. And, I further certify, that I do not find his name upon any of the pay rolls to have received pay for his revolutionary services.

George G. Brewer,
Reg'r. Land Off. Md.

NOTES:

On 30 June 1845 the Clerk of the Court of Rockbridge County certified that the soldier's name had always been written in his office as "William Nick," and that "he never saw or heard of its being written with the initial K until the children of said Nick grew up and began to write it with a K." The clerk also stated that he had "remarked to one of the sons of said Nick, that he had changed the way of spelling his name from that of his father, who replied that he spelled it the way his schoolmaster had taught him."

On 7 June 1843 Mary Cunningham, 74, half sister of Flora Nick, stated that the marriage of William and Flora Nick and the dinner afterwards were held at her father's house near Winchester VA, and that they lived near Winchester for 12 or 14 years before moving to Rockbridge County. She stated that the service was performed by a Rev. Mishler. She also stated that William Nick died on 11 Feb 1829.

The file contains a copy of the will of Flora Nick dated 4 Apr 1845, bequeathing the pension to son Adam and naming him executor. Another document states that she died 28 Apr 1845 leaving the following children: Catharine Cunningham, wife of John Cunningham, residing in Fayette County; William Knick residing in Miami County OH; Betsy Armstrong, wife of John Armstrong, residing in Miami County OH; Polly Morris, wife of Thomas Morris, residing in Lewis County VA; John Knick and Adam Knick, both residing in Rockbridge County.