

[Joseph Monk, pension application S38237, certified Cuffey's service.]

State of Virginia

Princess Anne County towit

Before me Jacob Hunter a justice of the peace for the County of Princess aforesaid personally appeared Charles Cuffey of the said County and made oath that he lost the affidavits of John Shipwash and Joseph Monk in regard to his service in the Revolutionary War which the war department returned to him on or about the 23^d July 1828 for the purpose of having their credibility certified by the magistrate before whom they were taken, and that having been instructed by the war department on the 31st of december 1829 to transmit these affidavits to the Pension office he went to Chesterfield County where the said Shipwash and Monk lived for the purpose of getting them to give him their affidavits again. That he got the affidavit of the said Monk but found said Shipwash had departed this life. Given under my hand this 7th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Sworn to and subscribed the seventh day of June 1830 Charles hisXmark Cuffey

Princess Anne Court House/ Sept 7 1830

Sir [James L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner] I have now the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th of June last and to enclose you the affidavits of Robert Page and W. A. Patterson which I hope will prove satisfactory. I will just add that to obtain these papers I had to beg my way on foot from this place to the County of Chesterfield and back a distance of upwards of Two hundred and fifty miles and am now almost weighed down by the journey. Respectfully/ Yr. M obt svt

Charles X Cuffey

[The affidavit of Robert Page certified that John Shipwash, a relation by marriage, died on 1 Dec 1828 and that he may have been the magistrate who took Shipwash's testimony in support of Cuffey's application.]

NOTES:

Adam Wallace was killed at the Battle of Waxhaws SC on 29 May 1780, often referred to as "Buford's Massacre." Cuffey did not say that he was present at the battle.

On 28 Aug 1857 Catherine Cuffey, 60, applied for a pension and bounty land stating that as Catherine Fuller she married Charles Cuffey in Dec 1815, and he died 1 Oct 1844.. On 10 May 1867 Catharine Cuffey, said to be 65 and residing about 27 miles from Portsmouth, applied for the restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which she supported herself "by her own exertions and the labour of her own hands."

The 1810 federal census for Princess Anne County lists "Cuffee Chas. FB" [Free Black] in a household of four free people other than white.