

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Singleton W9652

Elizabeth Singleton

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this [hole torn in the document and part of the date is missing] 4th day of July in the year of our Lord 1845 personally appeared before the judge of the court of ordinary and Probate in the District of Sumter and in the State aforesaid, Elizabeth Singleton, a resident of the said District and State, in the County of Claremont, aged seventy-one years on the 16th day of October last, 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 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of John Singleton who was a private soldier in the Army of the Revolutionary War. That her said husband enlisted at the beginning of the said war in the service of the United States under Colonel Richard Richardson and served under him regularly for six months the term of the enlistment, that afterwards for the next six months he served irregularly when there was need and at the end of that time he enlisted for the whole war as a private soldier and was under the Command of General Francis Marion until the said war ended serving regularly – that he was at the taking of Fort Motte on the South side of the Congaree River in Orangeburg District in the said State, under General Marion and performed his soldier's duty on that occasion – that he was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs and fought under the General orders of Green [Nathanael Greene] – that he served much of his time whilst under General Marion as a trooper on horseback; but this deponent does not remember the name of the Captain who commanded her said husband; – That he resided in said District & State when he entered the said service – that he was drafted on his first enlistment, & on the said second enlistment, under General Marion, he went as a volunteer – his services aforesaid were done in the State of South Carolina –

She further declares that she was married to the said John Singleton on the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1789 by the Reverend Mr. Thompson, a regularly ordained Baptist minister, at Manchester in the said District in State; – that there is no family record or other record of the said marriage – that there was but a small company of 8 or 10 persons present at the nuptials and she does not know of anyone of the said company to be now living; – that her said husband died on the first day of June in the year of our Lord 1824; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz., at the time above stated, and that she has never been married since.

Sworn to and subscribed before me William Lewis judge of the Court of Ordinary and Probate of the District of Sumter and the State aforesaid the day and year first above written in open Court. Witness my hand and seal of office

S/ William Lewis, OSC

S/ Elizabeth Singleton



State of South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared in open Court before me William Lewis Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District & State John China Sr¹ – who on being duly sworn deposes & says that he is now in his 82nd year of age – that he is a revolutionary pensioner of the Government of the United States.

This deponent further says that he was acquainted with John Singleton the husband of the applicant during the Revolution. That his acquaintance with him began about the year 1781 in camp, they both of them then being residence of Craven County now Sumter District – That he thinks the said John Singleton served in the war about one year & was attached to Horry's Corps of horse.

That he cannot recollect any particular skirmish that the said John Singleton was in excepting that of Wambaw² – That he continued to reside in Sumter District until his death & was always recognized as a revolutionary soldier.

This deponent further states that he has known the applicant Elizabeth Singleton for about 57 years as the wife & since 1824 as the widow of the said John Singleton who reared a large family in this District. That this deponent believes that she was married to the said John Singleton in the year 1789. –

Sworn to & subscribed before me William Lewis Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District of Sumter and the State aforesaid this 17th day of January A.D. 1846 in open Court.

Witness my hand and seal of office.

S/ John China, Sr.



State of South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared in open Court before me William Lewis Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District & State, William Vaughan Sr³ – who being duly sworn deposes and says that he is now in his 82nd year of age – that he is a Revolutionary pensioner of the Government of the United States.

This deponent further says that he was acquainted with John Singleton the husband of the applicant during the revolution – That his acquaintance with him began about the year 1772, they both of them then being residence of Craven County, now Sumter District – That he thinks he the said John Singleton served in the war about two years – that he knew the said John Singleton first in the War as one of Marion's brigade in the years 1780 [&] 1781 as well as he now

¹ [John China S46593](#)

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wambaw_bridge.html

³ [William Vaughan W11691](#)

remembers – Colonel Richard Richardson was a Colonel in the same brigade, & Joseph Hill the Captain of the company in which said John Singleton served. – That he cannot recollect any particular skirmishes that the said John Singleton was in but remembers that he was in several about Moncks Corner & he was at Tidderman's lane [Tydiman's or Tidyman's Plantation]⁴. – That the said John Singleton was at the battle of Quinby.⁵ That at the latter part of the war he knew him for a twelve month [tour] as a trooper under Colonel Horry. After the war the said John Singleton until his death continued to reside in Sumter District always recognized as a revolutionary Soldier. – This deponent further says that he has known the applicant Elizabeth Singleton for about 57 years, as the wife & since 1824 as the widow of the said John Singleton, who reared a large family in this District. He believes from the facts within his knowledge that she was married to John Singleton in the year 1789 – This deponent was married in 1790, & he remembers that the applicant then the wife of John Singleton, could not attend the wedding to which she had been invited by reason of being far advanced in pregnancy with her first child. He perfectly remembers the fact of the said John Singleton having married the said Elizabeth the applicant the year preceding that of the marriage of this deponent.

Sworn [etc.]

S/ Wm Vaughan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Vaughan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

[p 28: Certificate dated March 19, 1846 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing the indents paid to a John Singleton for service as a private in Colonel Horry's dragoons in the 12 months service as a private; for 164 days in the militia from December 1, 1782 May 19 1781.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$68.21 per annum commencing March 4th, 18 43, for her husband service as a private in the dragoons in the South Carolina militia.]

⁴ February 25, 1782 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/tydiman.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_tidyman's_plantation.html

⁵ July 17, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/quinby.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quinbys_bridge.html