

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Cunningham W9820

Mary

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State of Missouri County of Greene: SS

Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for said County Mary Cunningham aged Eighty 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 3rd Section of the act of Congress approved the 4th of July 1836 granting pensions to widows.

This declarant states that she is the widow of Hugh Cunningham, formerly Mary Kent, who was, a soldier in the War of the Revolution that he entered the service of the United States on the 1st of April 1780 as a volunteer for three months, from Rowan County North Carolina, under Captain Joseph M Cunningham, Major Lopp and Colonel Craig; during said tour he was engaged in pursuing the Tories and protecting the inhabitants from them. After the expiration of said tour he remained at home but a very short time, when he was called out again under the same officers. He was absent this time two months. He again returned home but was again called out on the 1st September 1780 and continued almost constantly in the service until January 1782. This Declarant states that her said husband was absent from home engaged in the Service about fourteen different times the first time for three months the second for two months and the balance of the times she believes he was absent about six weeks each time upon an average. This Declarant states that her husband was at the battle of Cowpens under Captain Cunningham Major Lopp and Colonel Craig and General Morgan. He was also in a small skirmish under Major Merrill who made an attack upon Colonel Tarleton on the Adkin [sic, Yadkin] River at a place called the old Trading Ford and here Merrill was taken by the Tories and hung. Her said husband was in no other engagements during his services except some small skirmishes with the Tories. Her said husband was engaged almost all the time of his services, against the Tories who infested that country to the great annoyance and the destruction of the property and lives of the people.

This Declarant states that her husband received a discharge from General Davidson that said discharge has been lost. She has frequently seen said discharge. She says that she was married to the said Hugh Cunningham by the name of Mary Kent in Rowan County North Carolina about the 1st of March 1780 and that said Cunningham died in Rowan County North Carolina on the 20th of September 1824 that she has never married again but is now and continues to be a widow. She believes that her husband served under Colonel Craig as a

horseman for about six months. She also states that after the war General Davidson used to call on her husband often and she has frequently heard them talk about the incidents of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this August third 1844

S/ Simon D. Bird, J. P. G. C.

S/ Mary Cunningham, X her mark

[fn p. 12: original marriage license issued the 10th day of February 1780 in Rowan County North Carolina for the marriage of Hugh Cunningham to Mary Kent.]

State of North Carolina
Rowan County

To my Regular Licensed Minister of the Gospel of whatever denomination having the sole, or to say in fact, Jurisdiction of the same Rowan County

By virtue of authority to me given by act of the general Assembly of the State of North Carolina bearing date in my Office the 10th day of February 1780 I do hereby certify you or any of you to be legally the Parties of Marriage Between Hugh Cunningham and Mary Kent of this County and join them together as Man & Wife in the Holy State of Matrimony according to my best understanding this 10th day of February 1780

H. O. O'Brien Clerk

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for the 18 months service of her husband as a private in the North Carolina militia.]