

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Massie W9931

Judith Massie

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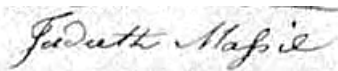
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State of Alabama Limestone County: SS: On this 13 day of July 1844 personally appeared before me the Subscriber Frederick B. Nelson Judge of the County Court of said County it being a court of Record in and for said County, Judith Massie, a resident of the said County aged seventy-one 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 7th 1838: entitled an act granting half pay Pensioners [sic] to certain Widdows [sic], that she is the widdow of John Massie, who was a Cornet in the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution having married him several years after the Revolution ended, she is unable to state anything positive as to the actual rank which he held the length of time served, only from hearsay of her said husband, to wit, that he served three years and seven months until the war was ended, that Colonel Fenberger [Christian Febiger] commanded the Regiment, that Major Kirkpatrick and Captain Shelton were the officers under whom he served as repeatedly spoken of particularly, who had his eyes shot out by one of his men a Continental for which he was him on the same day she knows not the counties through which he marched, or the Battles in which he fought but understood from him that he was a part of his time at and around Fredericksburg Virginia she must referred to the Rolls in the public office to sustain her statement – she further declares that her maiden name was Judith Moss that she was married to the said John Massie in the County of New Kent on or about the 3rd day of April 1792 – by Philip Davis that her Husband the aforesaid John Massie move from New Kent Virginia to said State of Alabama about 25 years ago, and departed this life on the 29th day of January 1829: and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & date above written.

S/ Judith Massie



[James Philips and William Daly gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: copy of a marriage bond dated April 2, 1792 issued in New Kent County Virginia to John Massie and Waldegrave Clopton condition of the marriage of John Massie to Judith Moss.]

[p 19: On November 12, 1844 in New Kent County Virginia, Reuben Moss gave an affidavit that he was well acquainted with John Massie and his wife Judith in New Kent County Virginia; that it had been his understanding that John Massie had been an officer in the Virginia line of the Army of the revolution; that John Massie in his family moved from New Kent County Virginia

to the state of Alabama and October 1818. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the widow is not stated

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[p 31: On April 10, 1845, in Limestone County Alabama, John H Massie, executor of the last will and testament of Judith Massie deceased was granted letters testimony to administer her estate secured by a bond on which Harriet Ann Massie and Munford D McDonald were his sureties: their relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service in the Virginia service during the revolution.]