Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Sneed (Sneed): W6134
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State of Virginia
County of Halifax SS
Be it known that on this the 29th day of March 1847 personally appeared before me John S Pleasants a Justice of the peace in and for Halifax County Virginia Rebecca Sneed aged Eighty five 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th July 1838 granting half pay and pensions to certain widows That she is the widow of John Sneed who enlisted as a private soldier in the fall of the year 1775 in the Continental army that her deceased husband resided in the County of Hanover and state of Virginia when he enlisted and that he was attached she thinks to one of the first Regiments raised in Virginia called Virginia Continental Regiments and that he continued in the service until the latter part of the year 1778 She further states that her deceased husband was in a good many Battles during the time he was in the Army one of the first she thinks was the Battle at the Great Bridge [9 Dec 1775] and the Battle at Gwynns Island [sic: Gwynn Island, 8 - 10 Jul 1776] was another Battle that he was engaged in. she has frequently heard her deceased husband speak of other engagements as well as the movement of the Army during the time he was in the service but she is unable to recollect the particular movements of the Army or other engagements than those specified as she was not married to him before he quit the service. she feels satisfied however that the records of the first Regiment raised in Virginia on Continental establishment will furnish ample proof of the Services of her deceased husband to which she refers the Honorable Department. She further states that she was married to the said John Sneed in the County of Henrico Virginia on the 5th day of April 1779 that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the 1st January 1794 to wit on the day above stated and that her husband died on the 18th day of September 1819 and that she has not intermarried since the death of her husband the said John Sneed Witness my hand and seal this the 29th day of March 1847 Rebecca HerXmark Sneed

State of Virginia SS
Halifax County Be it known that on this the 18th day of October 1847 personally appeared before me John S Pleasants a Justice of the peace for said County Rebecca Sneed, widow of John Sneed deceased and being first sworn according to law doth upon her oath make the following declaration in addition to what she has before stated. she states as well as she know recollects Col Patrick Henry commanded the Regiment [appointed 6 Aug 1775] to which her husband was first attached when he entered the service in 1775. he was a Private in the 1st Virginia regiment, which was afterwards known as the 1st continental regiment – and was commanded by Col Isaac [sic: James] Read [after Henry became Governor on 6 Jul 1776] from old age and loss memory she is unable to recollect the names of the various company officers under whom her husband served during the long time he was in the service
Rebecca herXmark Sneed

NOTE: Rebecca Sneed’s application was supported by a deposition by John Sneed, son of Robert Sneed (pension application R9891) and nephew of her late husband, stating that his father and uncle had served together. In the file is a list of the names and dates of birth of the children of John and Rebecca Sneed. The file also includes a copy of the will of Dabney Pettus of Charlotte County dated 1 Mar 1788 naming Rebecca Sneed as his daughter.