Pension Application of John Wigginton W6547 Margaret Wigginton VA
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828. I John Wigington in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do hereby Declare that I enlisted in the continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the War, and continued in its service untill its termination: At which period I was a private in captain Handys [George Handy’s] company in the light Infantry of the Partisan Legion commanded by Lt. Col. Henry Lee. And I declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of Eighty Dollars, to which I was entitled, under a resolve of congress passed the 15th of May 1778. and I further declare that I was not on 15th day of March 1827 on the pention list of the United States in the presence of Clement Carrington [pension application S46427]

Signed John hisXmark Wiggington

Before me James P. Marshall justice of the peace in the county of Charlotte & state of Virginia personally appeared this day Clement Carrington of the said county, who did make oath that John Wigington, by whom the foregoing declaration was made is generally reputed & believed to have been a soldier in the army of the revolution as therein stated the said Carrington being an officer in the same company.

Witness my hand this 14th day of July 1828 [signed] J. P. Marshall

[John Wigginton made the following declaration in support of the application of Drury Holland (W3419).]
State of Virginia }
County of Bedford to Wit }

The affidavit of John Wigginton of the County and state aforesaid, aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath state, That he himself enlisted at the age of 16 years, in the army of the Revolution to serve during the War, and went into service under Cap Handy for which service he has been drawing a pension under the act of Congress passed in 1818. That his recollection from old age and infirmity is not sufficiently distinct to trace the entire line and course of service performed either by himself or others but he does distinctly recollect, That the Regiment formed of those who enlisted during the War, from various Causes, became so small that they spoke of breaking it, but did not, but made up the deficiency by adding to their number out of those that enlisted for Eighteen Months, that at that time Drury Holland the Husband of the present Claimant, was added to his Company. That they served together during all or most of the time Drury Holland enlisted for, which he is positive was for eighteen months. That the said Drury Holland was a brave and faithful soldier and rendered important service to the Country, That he was the only aid he had in capturing a Boat Lying under a small fort belong to the Brittish, Loaded with Rum, in which he himself received a wound in the calf of his Leg. That they were most of the time on service in the South under the Command of Colo Henry Lee & Generl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], but was some time under others the exact particulars of which or the details of the service he cannot now recollect or state. That he has been acquainted with said Holland since they were in the Army together up to the time of his death. The exact time of which he cannot state as they lived some 12 or 15 miles apart

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26th day July 1839 John hisXmark Wigginton

NOTES:

On 29 Nov 1843 Margaret Wigginton, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married John Wigginton, “who was a Dragoon in Lees Legion (Virginia) Line,” on 6 Sep 1787, and he died 19 Aug
1843. The application included a copy of the marriage return by Rev. James Mitchell for “John Wigginton to Marget McGeorge” in Bedford County. On 13 July 1849 Margaret Wigginton was said to be 89.

Documents in the file indicate that Margaret Wigginton died on 17 Oct 1851 leaving the following eight children: George Wigginton, John Wigginton, Isaac Wigginton, Nancy Wigginton, Celia Wigginton, Betsey Crane, Margaret Angel, and Martha Foster.