Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Valentine R10820 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina, Halifax County

Know all men by these presents that we Daniel Valentine, son of Polly Valentine, who was the sister of Daniel & Peter Valentine who were soldiers in the revolutionary war, between Great Britain & the United Colonies of America, and Sarah Valentine daughter of the said Polly Valentine, both of the State & County aforesaid – do hereby constitute & point James Turner of the County & State aforesaid, our true & lawful attorney, with full power and authority for, in and as our names, to ask, demand and receive from the Government of the United States such pensions as we may be entitled to, as the heirs of the said Peter & Daniel Valentine soldiers in the war of the revolution – under the several acts of Congress on the subject of revolutionary pensions – and to take such steps, and adopt such measures, as he may be deem just & proper, to establish our claim to the said pensions, hereby ratifying, and affirming whatever our said attorney may lawfully do on the premises.

Given under our hands & seals the 25th day of October 1834.

S/ Daniel Valentine, X his mark S/ Sarah Valentine, X his mark

Witness: S/ A. Joyner

North Carolina, Halifax County

At a court held for the County of Halifax and State aforesaid at May Term 1835 Satisfactory evidence was produced in open court to prove that Daniel Valentine and his Sister Sarah are the only children and heirs of Daniel Valentine who was a Soldier in the War of the revolution under Captain Bradley [George Bradley a/k/a "Gee" Bradley] of the 18th Regiment and that said Mary was also Sister and heir of Peter Valentine who was a brother to said Daniel and the said Peter was also a soldier in said war. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office.

S/ M. H. Pettway, Clerk

S/ by J. H. Simmons, DC

John Howson maketh oath that he has been informed and believes that Daniel Valentine and his sister Sarah are the only children of Mary Valentine who was a Sister and heir of Daniel Valentine who was a soldier in the war of the revolution under Captain Bradley of the 18th Regiment and that said Mary was also sister and heir of Peter Valentine who was brother Daniel and he said Peter was also a soldier in said war.

S/ John Howson

Signed & sworn to before S/ Willis Alston, JP for Halifax County

State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Daniel Valentine a private in Captain Bradley's company of the 10th Regiment¹ enlisted on the 7th of June 1779, for the term of 18 months, that nothing more is said of him on said rolls. I further certify that it appears from the Warrant book, that a Military Warrant issued to the heirs of Daniel Valentine for his military services for 640 acres of land at a time when all such Warrants were issued on the certificates of field Officers.

Given under my hand this third day of November 1834.

S/Wm Hill

State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, at Peter Valentine a private in Lt. Colo.'s Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 20th of July 1778 for the term of nine months, that nothing more in said of him on said rolls. I further certify, that it appears from the Warrant book, that a Warrant for the military services of Peter Valentine was issued to the heirs of Peter Valentine for 640 acres of land at a time when all such orders warrants were issued on the certificates of field Officers.

Given under my hand this third day of November 1834.

S/Wm Hill

Halifax North Carolina May 6th, 1853

Honorable L. P. Waldo Commissioner of Pensions Washington DC

A poor man of Color of this County named Daniel Valentine who lives in this vicinity & has been known to me many years, brought me a letter a few days ago from S. M. Knight a pension agent of Washington, calling his attention to a suspended case of his for a revolutionary Pension with a blank Power of attorney & proposal of terms for its presentation. As Mr. Knight who is not known to me demands a fee in advance which Valentine is too poor to pay, I have concluded as a matter of charity to write to the department, and if the rules of the office will admit, ascertain something about it for him. If allowable I hope you will let me know the grounds on which it was rejected.

I learned from Valentine that his application was made many years ago – some fifteen or twenty – by one James R Turner of this County now dead a very worthy man, & that he has heard nothing of it since; until he received Mr. Knight's letter.

Very respectfully your obedient Servant S/J.R.J. Daniel

¹ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that these veterans both served in the 3rd NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc patriot military privates v.htm