

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Witt R11755

Miriam

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838, entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows

State of Tennessee Jefferson County: On this 30th day of November 1844 personally appeared before me William H Coffman an acting Justice of the peace, Miriam Witt a resident citizen of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Caleb Witt, who was a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution – that he lived in Halifax County in the State of Virginia at the time he entered the Service, and that he was drafted for the term of two years but served only eighteen months the first tower [tour] – but afterwards entered the service again, she believes that the name of his Captain was James Hill and that his Colonel was Harry otherwise Henry Conway – and that her husband was at the battle of Little York at the time Corn Wallas [Cornwallis] Surrendered. She further declares that she was married to her Husband the aforesaid Caleb Witt on the 2nd day of September 1784, that her Husband the aforesaid Caleb Witt died on the 20th day of January 1827, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above Stated. She further declares that she has a record of her marriage and the birth of her children which is herewith annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written.
S/ Wm H. Coffman, JP

S/ Miriam Witt, x her mark

[fn p. 2-3: family record]

Marriages

Caleb Witt and Miriam Corner was married September the 2nd 1784

Bengemin [Benjamin] Caching and Elizabeth Witt was married August the 25: 1803

William Witt and Jane Wyatt was married February the 23: 1806

Births

Caleb Witt was born September the 2nd day 1762

Miriam Horner was born November 13th, 1768

William Witt was born July the 26 1785

Enoch Witt was born December the 5th 1787

Elizabeth Witt was born April the 19th 1790

James Witt was born February the 19 1794

Charles Horner Witt was born June the 5th 1797
Pleasant Alred Witt was born February the 18th 1800
Samuel Wares Witt was born June the 4th 1804
Merrill Witt was born April the 27 [?] on Sunday 1807
Docter D. Witt was born November the 14th 1809
Lamina Witt was born October the 6th 1811
Coleman Murry Witt was born February the 26 1814

[fn p. 12: On August 4, 1853 in Gibson County Tennessee, Charles H Witt gave testimony that he is the son of Caleb Witt who was a private in the revolutionary war who served 6 months and that he was drafted and that he was living at the time in Halifax County in the state of Virginia not far from a place called "Doby's old Store"; that his father was at the siege of York; that his father died in 1827 survived by his widow, Miriam Witt; ; that his mother Miriam died (time not remembered) leaving seven heirs, to wit: Charles, William, James, Pleasant, Samuel, Marrel, and Coleman; he made this application in an attempt to collect whatever pension may be due you the heirs of his father under the 1818 act.

Charles H Witt]