Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Snelbaker (Snalbaker, Snailbaker) R9898¹ Mary Snelbaker f34NJ

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For value received

I Daniel Snailbaker late a private Soldier in the Service of the United States of America in the Infantry commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], Do hereby assign Transfer and set over into James Herd [James Heard] of Virginia all my bounty Lands due me by the State of New Jersey and the United States of America. Witness my hand and seal this first day of December in the year of our Lord 1806.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

S/ James Batten S/ William Harrison S/ Daniel Snalbaker

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[Attested in Gloucester County New Jersey]

[p 23] Sir/ Please deliver the contents to Mr. Joseph Lewis & Oblige Your Humble Servant James Heard December 30th, 1786

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania County of Philadelphia SS

On this 19th day of March in the year of our Lord 1841 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the City of Philadelphia being a Court of Record Mary Snelbaker aged 75 years or thereabout 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 act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 Entitled "An act Granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of Daniel Snelbaker who was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army of the United States. That he enlisted under Captain Heard of the New Jersey Regiment for and during the war

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and served until the war ended as she always heard from her said husband and believes and that he lost his leg in the service towards the close of the war in an engagement at the South under Colonel Lee [Henry Lee]: as she understood from her said husband. She further declares that she was married to the said Daniel Snelbaker on the 12th day of July 1793 and that the original certificate of marriage is lost or mislaid but that Jeffrey Clark Esquire a Justice of the Peace solemnized the marriage, that her said husband died on the 9th day of May 1822, and that he was in receipt of a pension at the time of his death 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, to wit at the time above stated

S/ Mary Snelbaker

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State of Delaware New Castle County

Personally appeared Mary Snelbaker, who being duly sworn doth depose and say that the Bible here with marked A is the Bible and family record referred to in her former declaration in the proper handwriting of Daniel Snelbaker her husband made after their marriage: that she kept house for said Snelbaker before their marriage & after the death of his first wife Sarah, that she found the Bible before the marriage and has That in her possession until this date, that her first son was born on Tuesday the 5 day of February 1794 and died about first September of that year as appears by receipt of John Croes for purchase of Ground for internment September 9, 1794, marked C. Abraham was the firstborn. That she had a 2nd son William born February 19 1796, George born 28 May 1800, Sarah was born March 15, 1802, Mary born 22 December 1804, Zebiah Born the 11th December 1807, Simon Witmer born 8 September 1809 – Samuel Wright born 26 March 1812, Jacob born July 11, 1814 and that George, Sarah, Mary and Samuel are now living, the rest of her children or did. That all of the aforesaid children were born during her marriage with the said Daniel Snelbaker, and she does most positively swear that her marriage took place on the 12th day of July in the year 1793, and that the entry of births in the Bible here with were made by her said husband Daniel Snelbaker.

S/ Mary Snelbaker

[Note: The images of the Bible record is referred to by the widow are very faint. One page is completely illegible the other appears below-- some of the entries are legible

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[p 10: Margaret Calloway gave testimony on March 19, 1841 in Philadelphia that she is a cousin of Daniel Snelbaker; that she knew that Daniel and Mary were married and lived together as man and wife up to the date of his death; that their marriage took place prior to 1794. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 14: in an affidavit dated April 28, 1841 given in Philadelphia, the widow stated that she has found the certificate of her marriage showing that she was married on July 12, 1793; that her husband was a pensioner prior to his death for his services in the revolution as a result of a wound he sustained at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].]

[Note: Facts in file: the veteran's first wife Sarah died prior to 1793; her surname is not given; the veteran and his first wife had a son Philip born September 11, 1791 and died that same year;

that on July 12, 1793, the veteran married Mary Griscom in Gloucester County New Jersey.]