Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pendergast W26596 ¹ Juliet Onion² f41Md Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves 12/30/22

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[p 19: Power of attorney dated May 3, 1825 executed by Juliet Onion in which she recites she is the widow of John B. Onion as well as the widow of William Pendergast who "to the best of my Knowledge and belief that William Pendergast was a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States in the Maryland line during the Revolutionary war and served to the end of the same and that he was a foreigner and a single and unmarried man & had no other relatives in the United States and that I was married to him in Annapolis some years after the close of said war and that he died in said Annapolis about 35 or 40 years ago without leaving any children that she shortly afterwards married Mr. John B. Onion her last husband who has been dead about 12 or 15 years...." By this power of attorney, she authorized her attorney to seek on her behalf such quantity of bounty land land to which she may be entitled as the widow of a Revolutionary war soldier.

[p 6] State of Maryland – Baltimore City to wit

On this 5th day of September 1842, personally appeared before me Chief Judge of Baltimore City Court Juliet Onion, a resident of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland, age 74 years, who being duly Sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, and August 23rd 1842, granting pensions to Widows of persons who Served during the Revolutionary War: She is the widow of William Pendergast, who was a Lieutenant in the 5th Maryland Regiment in the War of the Revolution and Served during a period of about four years and left the Service at the Close of the War: She also declares that she was married to the said William Pendergast, at the City of Annapolis, Maryland, on, or about, the 15th day of September 1784; That her husband the aforesaid William Pendergast died in the year 1787, or early in 1788. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but her marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, viz.: at the time above Stated: That she further declares

² Former widow

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that after the death of the husband aforesaid She was married to John B. Onion, on or about the 26th day of March 1789; That he died on the 27th day of June in the year 1813; and that She is Still a Widow.

Juliet Onion

[p 10]

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County SS

On this 21st day of July in the year 1838, before me the Subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Third Judicial District of Maryland personally appeared Nicholas Brewer a resident of the City of Annapolis in the County and State aforesaid age 67 years and well known to me as a person entitled to ample Credit – Who, being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he was personally acquainted with Lieutenant William Pendergast formally of the Maryland line in the War of the Revolution and also with his Wife Julia Pendergast [sic]. That their marriage at the City of Annapolis aforesaid, on or about the 15th September in the year 1784, was a matter of public notoriety – That they were publicly known and acknowledged as Man and Wife and the legality of their marriage was never question or doubted. That after the death of said Pendergast the said Julia, his widow intermarried with a certain John B. Onion who died many years ago and She the said Julia has since remained a widow now resident at the City of Baltimore.

S/ Nichs. Brewer

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[p 12: On July 19, 1838 in Anne Arundel County Maryland, John Hurst, 70, gave testimony supporting the marriage of Julia to William Pendergast in 1784 stating that Julia [sic] had been a schoolmate of the deponent a short time prior to her marriage.

S/ John Hurst

[p 8: On August 31, 1842 in Baltimore, Maryland, John Brice, in the 72nd year of his age, a resident of the City of Baltimore gave testimony that he knew Miss Juliet Maybury of Annapolis at the time of the War of the Revolution; that Juliet Maybury married William Pendergast who was then called "Captain" who had been an officer in the Maryland line during the war of the Revolution; that William Pendergast and Juliet dwelled with her Father Captain Maybury of Annapolis; that Juliet is the widow of said Pendergast; that after his death she married John B. Onion of Hertford County Maryland; that she is now a widow and residing in the City of

Baltimore. S/ John Brice

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Jahn Hurst

Land office, Annapolis, 1st September, 1842,

I hereby Certify, that it appears by the Muster rolls of the Revolution, remaining in this Office, that William Pendergast, was appointed a Lieutenant, in the 5th Maryland Regiment, on the 29th day of October, 1779. And by a "List of Officers of the Maryland line" also remaining in this Office, showing their rank, time of service, when left the service, and their place of residence," It appears, that William Pendergast, a Lieutenant, was four years in service, left the Army at the dissolution, and resided in Annapolis, and that I am unable from the imperfect state of the records, to ascertain the Company, to which the said Lieutenant William Pendergast belonged.

S George G. Brewer, Register N Office W. S. Md.

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her former husband's service as a Lieutenant in the Maryland Continental line.]