

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Cardwell: W2998

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State of Kentucky}

Mercer county}

On this twenty ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace and one of the judges of the Mercer county court, (it being a court of Record) Sally Cardwell a resident of said county of Mercer aged seventy six 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 James Cardwell (deceased) who was a soldier in the army of the Revolution in the Militia of the State of Virginia called the Virginia line, (and who served as a faithful soldier as appears by the several affidavits that her said husband always told her that he served upwards of two years. The last year he was in the service he was ordered by Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] to ride express several month as appears by annexed discharge,) - She further declares that she was married to the said James Cardwell on the fourth day of May seventeen hundred and eighty eight in the said county of Mercer & state of Kentucky, and that her husband the aforesaid James Cardwell died on the twenty sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and six in said county. 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 remained a widow ever since the decease of her s'd husband having never been married to any other person. Witness my hand this day and year above stated [signed] Sarah Cardwell

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John Cardwell of said County came into open Court & being first duly sworn according to law on his Oath makes the following declaration - Towit - That he is the son of James Cardwell and Sally Cardwell both deceased and late of the County of Mercer & State of Kentucky And Administrator of the Estate of Sally Cardwell deceased. That the said Sally Cardwell was in her lifetime a Revolutionary Pensioner on the Kentucky Roll at the rate of \$20 per annum on account of the services of her husband the said James Cardwell in the Revolution. That he has always understood & believed that his said father served for a period of about three years & six months in the Revolution. That he was for a time under General LaFayette - served for a time in the Cavalry under Colonel [William] Washington. That he served under General [Horatio] Gates at the time of his defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] - & served under General Green from the time he took the Command in South Carolina [sic: at Charlotte NC on 2 Dec 1780] - until after the taking of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] & was present in that occasion. He further states that he served for a time as an Express Rider - in which office he served at the battle of Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] & from that time until the close of the war - He therefore believes that there is an increase of Pension due the heirs of said Sally Cardwell she not having received the full amount to which she was entitled. That his said mother died in Mercer County Ky on the Eleventh day of February (1853) Eighteen Hundred & Fifty Three, leaving this affiant, William Cardwell, Cuzza Forsythe, Anthony Cardwell, James Cardwell & George Cardwell her only surviving children all of whom are still living. He further states that the said Sally Cardwell did not again intermarry after the death of the said James Cardwell but remained his widow until her death. [signed] John Cardwell