

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John O'Hara S25340 & W9215

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Sir

I understand that a pension was paid to John O'Hara of Maryland, as a Soldier (a Sergeant perhaps) of the Virginia line, who was afterwards in Wayne's Command and wounded at Stoney Point [70 Point July 16, 1779]. This pension was continued until 1813 or 14 when he died. I wish to know whether the evidence in his case is sufficient to enable his widow, who married in 1786 to a pension under the act of last Session. Will you oblige me by examining, and informing me what evidence exists in this Case?

Very respectfully

Your Obt pst

S/ J. P. Kennedy

H of R Dec. 14

J. L. Edwards, Esq.

John O'Hara, Maryland Invalid Roll.

Be pleased to say to what time and what rate, the pension was paid

Pension Office

December 15, 1838

pd 24 September 1813 at the rate of \$8 per month

S/ JH

[Note: I believe the veteran referred to above is the same man whose widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum under pension number W9215 indexed under the name John O'Hara in the Maryland pension records. The transcripts below were made from the W9215 file.]

John O'Hara W915

Susan

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State of Maryland Anne Arundel County SS

On this 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord 1839 personally appeared before me Chief Judge of the Orphans Court of the above named County, Susan O'Hara, a resident of the aforesaid County and State of Maryland aged eighty-two 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 the 17th day of July 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows, that she is a widow of John O'Hara who

enlisted in May 1776 and discharged in August 1779 in the Second Maryland Line Continental Troops, that he the said John O'Hara received a wound at Stony Point Battle in his right foot which caused him to be disabled through life. That he was under Lieutenant John Gassaway of Annapolis and Major Osborne Williams of the same Maryland Continental Line, and she further declares that she was married to the said John O'Hara the 3rd day of July 1790 by Parson Claggett of Prince George's County State of Maryland in a village called Nottingham in the said County, and any evidence the Department wants of my marriage or standing in society I will furnish at any time they may think proper, my Husband John O'Hara has been a teacher of an English School ever since the revolutionary war owing to the wound he received at stony point and the said John O'Hara died January the 4th 1814 in the City of Annapolis A. A. County Maryland, and the said John O'Hara was attached to the Second Maryland Regiment, and was discharged in 79 and the said Susan O'Hara was born October the 3rd 1757 which ages her eighty-two from record she has in her possession at the present time. She the said Susan O'Hara had two sons William and John and William has been County Collector and High Sheriff of the County and also one of the Commissioners of the County and likewise a Trustee to the Alms House and Chief Judge of the first District Court of the same County – and the said Susan O'Hara has remained a widow since the death of the said John O'Hara to the present time and which will more fully appear by reference to prove here annexed.

S/ Susan O'Hara, O her mark

[f p. 11: On May 6, 1839 in Anne Arundel County Maryland, Moses Mall gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with John O'Hara; that he was present at the marriage of John O'Hara with Susan Tayman by Parson Claggett in Prince Georges County Maryland on July 3rd, 1790.]