

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Bitticks R874

Hannah

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State of North Carolina Yancy [sic, Yancey] County: Before a Justice of the Court of record for the County of Yancey

On this the 23rd day of May in the year A.D. 1850, personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Court of Record in and for the County aforesaid, Hanah Bittick a resident of Grassy Creek in the County of Yancey, aged ninety-six, 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 the 7th in the year 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, that she is the widow of John Bittick who was a first Sergeant in the Continental Dragoons who came into service under a regulation of the Army, permitting all, who would equip themselves with a good horse & agreed to entered the Dragoons Corps for the service of the United States or the thirteen Confederated Colonies. He belonged to Captain Greenwood's Company of (the declarant here is not positively [certain] whether the captain's name was Greenwood or not but swears to the best of her recollection that the captain's name was William Greenwood; but Captain Greenwood being wounded and disabled from performing his duty, she does not recollect the captain's name who taken the command, but thinks it was William Duncan) volunteered Dragoons, belonging to Colonel William O'Neal's Regiment of mounted volunteers. She thinks he entered the service about the 15th or middle of April in the year 1778 and served two tours the first one year and the other nine months, and had but a few weeks rest between the two periods of service, both periods of service being rendered under the above mentioned officers, Captain Greenwood and Colonel O'Neal and in both cases was a first Sergeant (a volunteer) and belonged to the Dragoon Corps; and finally left the service she believes sometime in the middle of December in the year A.D. 1780, then she cannot swear in positive terms as to this. His place of residence at the time when he entered the Army was near Hillsboro Orange County and State of North Carolina. He was engaged in the battle of Hillsboro or the battle fought near that place, and several others of a smaller character which if they had names at all, she does not now remember them. He was marched from Orange County through the Country lying between that place and Guilford Court house but is not certain whether or not he was engaged or fault in the battle of Guilford Court house. He was marched thence to Winnsborough as she thinks from thence does not know how he returned home or through what vicinities he passed. She also deposeth on oath that she has no

Documentary evidence of the service of her deceased husband.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Bittick in the month of December she thinks about the last (or 30 day) in the year A.D. 1780 in Orange County under the old English Rule of publication being made at the parish church door, and that her husband the aforementioned John Bittick, did not procure a license from any authority, and for the reason that it was not the custom at that day and time, in that County or settlement; that her husband the aforesaid John Bittick died on the 9th day of January in the year A.D. 1837; that she was married to him about the time he left the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, at the time heretofore mentioned.

S/ Hanah Bittick, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the 23rd of May in the year A.D. 1850 before me David Byrd a justice of the court of record in and for the County of Yancey and State aforesaid

S/ David Byrd, Justice

I Hannah Bittick do solemnly swear that the record¹ of the birth of mine and John Bittick's children which accompanies this declaration is in the handwriting of my husband John Bittick, and has been in my possession ever since the death of my husband.

S/ Hanah Bittick, X her mark

[fn p. 12: Jesse Bittick, who identifies himself as the son of John and Hannah Bittick, gave supporting testimony as to the family record being in the handwriting of his father John Bittick.]

[fn p. 13: Nancy Biddle, gave testimony that the family record shows the record of the 13 children born of John and Hannah Bittick. Her relationship, if any to the family is not stated.]

[fn p. 14: Polly Scott testifies that she is 98 years old; that she was at the wedding of John Bittick and Hannah Blunt; that she is certain that John Bittick served a 6 months tour because he entered the service at her house and Colonel O'Neal's Regiment; that she recalls Colonel O'Neal saying that John Bittick helped "him to kill the Tories."]

¹ There are numerous pages of what appears to have been a family record but they are all illegibly faint or so poorly written as to be substantially illegible. I did not make a concerted effort to decipher them. Those records appear on pp. 2-9 of the Footnote.com record.