

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Cunningham W10696

Margaret Cunningham VA

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State of Virginia. County of Prince Edward Sc

On the 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the said County Court now sitting, John Cunningham, a resident of the Parish of Saint Patrick and County of Prince Edward, and state of Virginia, aged 74 years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. in May 1776 he was in the service as a Minute man in Capt Charles Allen's company, Joseph Parks Left. [Lieutenant] and James Allen ensign. that he marched from the County of Prince Edward, passed by Manchester, Williamsburg, York and to Hampton, at which last place he was stationed and placed under the command of Maj [Richard] James and Colonel Merideth [sic: Charles Meredith] officers he believe of the minute men service. he served on this tour seven months and a half and was discharged at Portsmouth. In 1779 in the month of May there was a call for Millitia from the County of Prince Edward, when he turned out as a volunteer under Capt John Holcombe [John Holcomb X361], and marched to Petersburg, where they were stationed for a short time and discharged at that place having served only about three weeks. In Sept. 1780 he volunteered in Capt Charles Allens company of the 1st Regt and served three months, a certificate of discharge and of faithful service he now has, he marched to Petersburg where he was stationed and Command by Colonels E. Meade and Beverly Randolph, and discharged near Petersburg. In the early part of the year 1781 he believes in February, he went as a volunteer with Capt. Andrew Bakers Company. Left. Joseph Park and Ensign Joseph Read and marched southward and joined Gen. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] corpse near Dan river and were attached to the Regt. commanded by Colo Otho Williams and marched on towards Hillsborough in North Carolina. that at Whetsels mills [sic: Wetzel's Mill, 6 Mar 1781] a skirmish took place between a part of our forces under the Command of Colo. Williams and the British forces under Cornwallis, when out troops gave back. in this Engagement Joseph Parks the Left. was wounded and Ezekiel Parks a soldier in Capt Bakers Company was also wounded. this was about the 6th of March 1781, and having served about one month they were discharged. In May 1781 he volunteered under Capt Dick Holland for the purpose of conveying British prisoners from Prince Edward Courthouse to the County of Albemarle, and served in this duty two or three weeks, when he was discharged. The applicant states that he has resided in the said County of Prince Edward from his infancy to the present time, that he has no documentary evidence except the discharge before stated of his services. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John Cunningham

This is to Certify that John Cunningham a Volunteer in my Cop'y of the 1st Brg'd. hath served his time faithfully and is herby Discharg'd from the said Service Given under my Hand this 5th day Dec'r 1780
Charles Allen Cap't in 1st Reg't

State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward Sc.

On this 21st day of November 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of said County Court now sitting, John Cunningham a resident of Saint Patricks parish and County of Prince Edward & state of Virginia, aged seventy four years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following amendment and addition to his declaration made before the court of said county on the 21st day of August 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832, Viz't: That he was born in the year 1758, that he has no record of his age, that he is known in his present neighbourhood by Robert Morgan, Richard Booker and the Reverend William Johnson, who can testify as

to his character for veracity and good behaviour and as to the general report of his services in the revolution. That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

For seven months and fifteen days he served as a private or soldier

For fifteen days he served as a private or soldier.

For three months he served as a Corporal, a certificate for discharge is herewith filed marked C.

For twenty eight days he served as a private of soldier.

For fifteen days he served as a private or soldier.

That he knows of no proof by which he can prove positively the services above stated.

John Cunningham

NOTE: On 8 Jan 1845 Margaret Cunningham, 79, applied for a pension stating that she married John Cunningham on 8 Feb 1785, and he died 7 Dec 1844. A copy of the marriage register shows that John Cunningham married Margaret Hill on the date stated.