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Pension Application of Archibald Compton W18959

Sally Compton

VA

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[The following is among the [pension papers of the Library of Virginia](#):]

I DO, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify, that Archibald Cumpton late a private in the 2nd Virginia Regim't appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of The United States as to entitle him to the sum of Twelve Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786

Given under my Hand, as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 23^d day of December 1786

Edm. Randolph [Edmund Randolph]

T. Meriwether

[The following transcripts are of papers in the federal pension file.]

County of Pittsylvania to wit

On this Fifteenth day of November 1823 before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared Archibald Compton and made oath that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Averett Meade [sic: Everard Meade] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War and that he was placed on the Pension Roll fo the State of Virginia at the rate of \$5.33 $\frac{1}{3}$ /100 per month for wounds received during the Revolutionary War and that he has never received a Certificate to that effect from the Secretary of War.

Archibald hisXmark Compton

State of Virginia } S.S.

County of Halifax }

On this 21 day of Dec 1838 personally appeared before me Daniel Nunnelee a justice of the peace in said County Salley Compton a resident of Virginia in the County of Halifax aged seventy four years who, being 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 Archibald Compton, who inlisted as a private Soldier in the army of the Revolution in the year 1777 for the term of three years as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War. She further states that he inlisted in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia. She recollects that he was rendezvous at the North and attached to the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia line. She also recollects that the first battle that he was engaged in was on the Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] from thence he was march'd to German Town [germantown, 4 Oct 1777] where he was in another engagement and taken prisoner and confin'd in prison in Philadelphia for six months as well as she now recollects. The next engagement she thinks was at Morris Town [see endnote] under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] where he received a shot through his knee which made him an invalid during life; from old age & loss of memory she is unable to recollect the names of the different Officers attached to the Regiment but refers the Honorable department to the papers of her late husband Archibald Compton dec'd. who was an invalid pensioner A certificate of whose pension is now in her possession and bears date on the 23rd day of December 1786 which pension was increased in the years 1787 96 & 1826.

She further declares that she was married to the said Archibald Compton in the month of April 1783 and that her husband the aforesaid Archibald Compton died in April one thousand eight hundred & Twenty six the day of the month she dont distinctly recollect, that she was not married to him previous to

his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, that is to say at the time above stated. Salley hisXmark Compton
[Certified by Thomas Compton who stated that he had known Archibald and Sally Compton for 50 years.]

State of Virginia } ss
County of Halifax } I Moses Ousley a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States under the act of May the 15th 1828 [no application found] do here by certafy that I was in the continental army with Archibald Compton husband of Sally Compton that we boath enlisted in Amelia County in the state of Virginia for three years in the Va line on the continental establishment and searved as such until Compton was wounded and taken to the hospitle I soon after received a discharge in Philadelphia and returned home given under my hand this the 4th day of Sept 1839 Moses hisXmark Ousley

NOTES:

It is more likely that Archibald Compton was wounded at the Battle of Monmouth NJ on 28 Jun 1778, where Gen. Greene fought, rather than at Morristown NJ, where there was no battle.

The file contains the following deed of gift:

Know all men by these presents that I Hough Carpenter of the County of Charlotte for the natural love and affection I have and do bare unto my daughter Salley Cumpton of Amelia County do by these presents guive and grant unto my said Daughter Sally Cumpton and her heirs forever one negro guirl slave named Ginney about the age of eight years together with her future increase of the said negro as before mentioned to Have and to hold the negro guirl slave unto the said Sally Cumpton and her heirs forever And I the said Hough Carpenter do for myself my heirs executors administrators warrant the said Slaves her future increase unto the said Sally Cumpton and her heirs against the title Claim and demand of all and every person and persons whatsoever in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day March 1786

Teste/ John White

Hough hisXmark Carpenter

William HisXmark Hucheson