Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Hubbard W19782 Martha Hubbard VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 19 Aug 2015.

State of Virginia: Buckingham County to wit:

On this 17th day of June, 1840, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Martha Hubbard a resident of said County and State, aged 80 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:

That she is the Widow of Benjamin Hubbard, deceased, late of the said County and State, who was a Private in the Virginia Militia service, during the War of the Revolution. She declares, that her husband in his life time, often and repeatedly stated that he served a considerable length of time in the Army of the Revolution; that he was engaged in many battles, and named to her the officers commanding at the time, but it has been so long back, that she cannot call to recollection the particulars. She therefore prefers to rely on the statement of old soldiers, and the public Records, to any statement that she can make herself. That from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot state precisely how long he was in actual service altogether, but would suppose he served at least nine months, for which length of time she claims a Pension –

She further declares, that she married the said Benjamin Hubbard in the County of Prince Edward on the 12th day of December, 1786, by Parson McRoberts of the old Episcopal Church, according to the rites and ceremonies of that Church. That her husband the said Benjamin Hubbard died on the 15th day of January, 1801; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further declares, that the marriage took place after the last period of her husband's service expired, and that she has never intermarried – to wit, prior to 1st of January, 1794 – and date above – Martha herXmark Hubbard

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [4 Jan 1840]

I do hereby certify, that I was intimately acquainted with Benjamin Hubbard, late of Buckingham, in the War of the Revolution, and know the fact, having served with him, that in 1781, or latter part of 1780, and beginning of 1781, he was drafted in the Militia for three months, under Capt [Thomas] McReynolds, and marched to Portsmouth and Norfolk and thereabouts; which term he served faithfully for I was in the same company with him, the whole time. That in summer of 1781, said Hubbard was drafted again in the Militia, for three months, under Capt [A.] Cummings, and marched through Prince Edward to Goochland where they joined the main Army under Lafayette and [Gen. Robert] Lawson. He served this term, I well know, being with him in the same company. In 1780, the early part, he was drafted in the Militia for six months under Capt. Herndon, and marched to the South, and was engaged, as I have been credibly informed, in the battle of Camden [SC], fought August 1780 [16 Aug 1780], in which battle he distinguished himself for bravery and soldier like conduct. I was not with him, but saw him march, and know that he was absent at least six months. His widow lives in Buckingham, and is very old and infirm. She married after the War. I am in the 78th year of my life, and a Pensioner of the United States.

Thomas P. hisXmark Franklin

[Thomas P. Franklin, pension application S8517]

The affidavit of Jehu Simmons [S6093] of the County of Prince Edward Va (taken in Buckingham County) aged 81 years to establish the Pension Claim of Martha Hubbard widow of Benjamine Hubbard Dec'd; who states that in the year 1781 the Militia of Prince Edward County Va. was called for in the service of the Revolution under Capt. Williamson Bird, Charles Allen Maj'r. and Beverly Randolph [sic: Beverley Randolph] Colo. and that he and said Benjamine Hubbard were among the number which marched under that draught, under the above named officers and were at the taking of Cornwallis at Little

York and served a three months tour in the army [1 Oct 1842]

Jehn Simmons