Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Putnam W26751 Prudence Key, former widow, fn35SC Transcribed by Will Graves 7/30/09

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State of Arkansas Washington County: Be it remembered that on this 21st day of March A.D. 1845. Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the County Court in and for said County, Prudence Key, a resident of said County aged near 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838 Entitled an act granting Pensions and half pay to certain widows, That she was married to Daniel Putman for whose services she claims a Pension on the 5th day of January 1786 by publication. That her husband the said Daniel Putman was a private for about one year in Colonel Brannums or Brandons Regiment [sic, Thomas Brandon] of South Carolina Militia, and that he first entered the service about the time of the siege of Fort 96 in that State. That he might have served something more or less than one year in different tours, as she only speaks of it from what she has heard him say. That her said husband died on the 19th day of July 1816. That she was married again on the 28th day of June 1821 to Landon Key and that said Landon Key died on the 24th day of August 1821. That the annexed family record is a true one and was written by her husband the said Daniel Putman in his lifetime. The name of the Colonel under whom said Daniel Putman served was Thomas Brannum or Brandon, That she was not married to the said Daniel Putman prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place before the year first of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated -- subscribed & sworn to before me on the day and year first above written.

S/ John Robinson, Judge

S/ Prudence Key, X her mark

[William Putman, son of Daniel and Prudence Putman gave testimony authenticating the family record as being in the handwriting of his father.]

[Ralph Skelton, 58, a resident of Washington County Arkansas also gave a supporting affidavit stating that he was a "relation" of Daniel Putman; he Skelton testified that Daniel and Prudence lived together as man and wife; he states that he (Skelton) lived with his father in Georgia.]

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"A List of the Birth of our Children and ourselves Daniel Putman was born January the first Day 1764 Prudence Putman was born April the 16th Day 1770 Hazeal Putnam was born May the 7th Day 1787 Levinea Putman was born November the 7th Day 1789 Reading Putnam was born April the 20th Day 1792 Elijah Putman was born May 18 Day 1794 William Putman was born March the 15th Day 1796 Thomas Putman was born July the 30th Day 1798 Ezekiel Putman was born January the 13th day 1801 and died at 14 months old"

[fn p. 16: certificate dated October 16 1845 issued by the Comptroller General of South Carolina showing payment to the veteran for services in the Regiment commanded by Thomas Brandon.]