Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Marshall W3571	Margaret Marshall	PA
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On this fifteenth day of January AD 1819 before me Richard Peters Judge of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania personally appeared David Marshall aged Sixty Five years, resident in Delaware County in the said State, who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War" – that he the said David Marshall in the year 1777 entered the Continental Army as an Ensign for which he duly received a commission – that he was afterwards promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant as which he served during the remainder of the War, in the Fifth Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line on the Continental establishment – that he was present and assisting at the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Green Springs [Green Springs Plantation in VA, 6 Jul 1781] and others of lesser note – that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he is the person designated and mentioned in the Commission or Commissions hereunto annexed.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

To David Marshall Gentleman Greeting. We, Reposing especial trust [and con]fidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct, and Fidelity, DO by these present constitute and appoint you to [words hidden by seal] Lieutenant in the fifth Pennsylvania Regiment in the Army of the United States to take rank s shuch from the 5 day [of] November AD 1778. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of [Lieu]tenant by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And [words hidden by seal]ictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your command to be obedient to your orders, as [Li]eutenant. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, or Committee of the State, or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of the United States, or any other your superior Officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue inforce until revoked by this, or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress before mentioned, of a Committee of the States.

Entered in the War Office Witness [one or two illegible words] John Jay Esquire President of and examined by the Board the Congress of the Unites States of America, at Philadelphia the tenth[?] Attest day of April AD 1779, and in the [illegible] year of our Independence. [illegible signature] Secretary of the Board of War [signed] John Jay

NOTES:

The file contains a copy of the last will and testament of David Marshall dated 30 July 1826 devising all of his estate to his wife, Margaretta Marshall, during her life, to be divided afterward among their children. He appointed his son, Jesse Marshall, executor.

On 12 July 1837 Margaret Marshall, 78, of Frankford PA, applied for a pension stating that she married David Marshall on 20 May 1783, and he died on 3 Sep 1826. She submitted her Bible with the family record certified by her daughter, Mary M. Clark, a copy of which is transcribed below. On 3 July

1877 the Bible was returned to the granddaughter of Margaret Marshall, Miss Adelia H. Marshall of Philadelphia. Margaret Marshall stated that David Marshall drew his pension for one year before being dropped because he owned too much property.

On 6 Feb 1838 Magdaline Martin stated that she was the sister of Margaret Marshal, whose maiden name was Margaret Dover. On 19 March 1839 Magdaline Martin was said to be 81.

A document in the file certifies that Margaret Marshall died in the Borough of Marcus Hook on 15 Aug 1845 leaving the following survivors: "Sarah Marshall Jesse Marshall and Joseph Marshall who all reside in said County of Delaware Mary Clark (widow) who resides in Philadelphia County in said state, John Marshall who resides in Chester County in said state and Margarett Thomas the wife of Martin Thomas who resides in the city of Saint Louis state of Missouri; And also the children of a deceased son who died before the said Margaret Marshall to wit; David, Anna, Joseph, Elizabeth, Adelia and Julia Marshall who are all minors but the first named and that they all reside in said Borough of Marcus Hook."

The Holy Bible/ Edinburgh/ 1789
David Marshall born Oct 12 1752
Margaret Marshal born Oct 30th 1759
Married May 20th 1783
Sarah Marshall born Sunday Morning 4 oclock April 18, 1784
Mary Marshall born tuesday morning ½ past five Jany 24th 1786
Wm[?] Marshall born August 10th at noon 12 Oclock 1787
David Marshall born Morning 10 Oclock Aug 26 1789
John Marshall born tuesday evening 6 oclock Feb 22 1791
Jesse Marshall born Feb 25 1792
Joseph Marshall born Morning 4 oclock Sept 3 1794
Margaret Marshall born morning 4 oclock June 27th 1797