

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Cleaveland (Cleaveland) W8611 Margaret Cleaveland VA
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State of Kentucky } Sct
Pendleton Cty. }

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court for the County of Pendleton, now sitting William Cleaveland Sen'r. a resident of s'd. County of Pendleton & State afores'd. aged about seventy five years old, who being first 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 7th 1832, that he Volunteered in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein named. that he entered the Militia Service as a Volunteer in the county of Albemarle in the state of Virginia in the year 1778 in a company commanded by Capt Landon Jones & Lieutenant Meril & served about thirteen months during which time he was under various officers, To Wit Capt. Jno. Henderson [John Henderson] & Lieutenant James Garland and afterwards Capt. James Woods [James Wood] & Lieutenant Thos. Collins [Thomas Collins], the field officers were Colo. Holt Richardson and Maj'r. Qualls & Gen'l. Mulinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberrg]. He was with the regular troops commanded by Gen'l. Anthony Wayne at James Town, Virginia, and also with the regular troops at the taking of Cornwallis at Little York in the state of Virginia [Yorktown 19 Oct 1781] the company in which he belonged was attached to Gen'l Layfayetts [sic: Lafayette's] army in the county of Hanover & state of Virginia and was then pursued by Cornwallis on to Normans Ford on the Rappannock river in the county of Culpepper [sic: Rappahannock River in Culpeper County] & state of Virginia, thro' the counties of Louisa, Orange, Culpepper &c. We were reinforced by Gen'l. Wayne at Normans ford [sic: Brock's Bridge, 10 Jun 1781], Cornwallis then retreated, We then pursued him nearly the same rout to James Town where we had a small engagement [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul], From thence Cornwallis retreated to Little York at which place Gen'l. Washington met us & besieged the Town & Cornwallis was captured with his whole Army. He was in the battles at James-Town & Little York. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pention or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, or if any only on that of the agency of the state of Virginia
[signed] William Cleaveland Sr.

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seven months during which time Lord Cornwallis was captured, served one month over his tour in consequence of aiding in guarding the prisoners – He was born in the county of Albemarle in the state of Virginia in the year 1757 agreeable to what His parents informed him. He resided in s'd. county of Albamarle when He entered the service & continued a citizen of that county untill the close of the Revolutionary war, He then remooved to Prince William County in s'd. State of Va. & remained there six or seven years, & then remooved to the adjoining county of Fauquier & then to Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County in s'd. state of Virginia, & from thence he remooved to the state of Kentucky, (Clark County), & from thence to Pendleton County, where he now resided. He is well acquainted with Robert Bury Elijah Browning, John Roult, Nimrod Roult Esq'r. & Simeon Boston Esq'r. who can testify as to their opinion of his services &c For such services as above he claims a pention
[signed] Wm. Cleaveland
Subscribed & sworn to before me this 12th day of August 1833

NOTE: On 9 June 1843 Margaret Cleveland, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married William Cleveland on 14 April 1788, and he died 18 July 1842. She made her statement before H. W. Cleaveland (as signed), a Justice of the Peace. Sally R. Cleveland (as signed), 53, certified that the family record transcribed below was kept by her father in a Bible. Her certificate listed the following children and years of their birth:

Sally R. Cleveland 22 Apr 1790

Henry W Cleveland 13 Jan 1793

Peggy Cleveland 5 Jan 1795

Nancy Cleveland 13 Aug 1797

Alexander Oliver Cleveland 3 May 1800

William Franklin Cleveland 10 June 1803

Harriet Milton Cleveland 27 March 1806

Louisa Wilson Cleveland 11 June 1809

June Elliott Cleveland 22 Nov 1811

Fenton Jackson Cleveland 11 Sep 1817

Alexander Cleveland Died august 15 17[page torn here and elsewhere at *]

William Cleveland son of Alexander Cleve[*] & Margaret his Wife was born December [*]

Peggy Cleveland Wife of Wm. Cleveland [*] November 12th 1770

William Cleveland & Peggy Cleveland [*] April 1[?] 1788

Sally Cleveland Daughter of Wm Cleve[*] & Peggy his wife was Born april the [*]

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[*] 13 1793

Peggy Cleveland Daughter of Wm Cleveland & Peggy his wife Born January the [*]

[N]ancy Cleveland Daughter of Wm. Cleveland [*] Peggy his wife was Born august the 13, 1797

Alexander Oliver Cleveland was Born May 3, 1800

[*]liam Franklin Cleveland son of Wm. [*]land& Peggy his wife was Born June 10th [*]

[*] Milton Cleveland Daughter of Wm. [*]land and Peggy his wife was Born March [?] 1806

[*] Wilson Cleveland was Born June 11th 1809

Elliott Cleveland was Born [*] 2[?]th 1811

[*]ton Jackson Cleveland was Born September [?]th 1817