

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Curry W8646 Ann Curry VA
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Mercer County } Be it remembered that on this 17th day of January in the year 1837 personally appeared before me Isaac Gray one of the Justices of the peace for s'd County and one of the Judges of the Mercer County Court Ann Curry Widow of James Curry dec'd who was a Revolutionary soldier, aged Eighty two years, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifit of the provision made by the act of Congress pass'd. July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of said James Curry who was a private in the Illinois Regt. of the army of the Revolution Commanded by Col. Geo. R. Clark [George Rogers Clark]. Her said husband joined s'd Regt. as well as she can now remember in the year 1779 or 1780 and marched to the falls of Ohio now Louisville where they remained some time, and from thence to a place called the O Post and took Gov'r. Hambleton prisoner [sic: Henry Hamilton, 25 Feb 1779], with the whole of his forces, from that time he remained with Clark in all all his Campaigns agst the Indians and British untill the battle of the Blue Licks [19 Aug 1782], the length of time in actual service she cannot remember being very old and entirely blind and refers your honor to the service performed by Clark, [George] Slaughter & others in the early settling of this Country, he her said husband was with them all the while, she also refers you to the rolls of the s'd Regt. for proof her s'd husband was promised land & has never rec'd. one acre, her portion of which if any be due she would like to recieve as she cannot live long to enjoy it. She further states that she was married to the s'd James Curry in Rockingham County Virginia on the 25th of February in the year 1778, by a Baptist Preacher his name she does not remember, her oldest child is fifty eight years old, Her s'd Husband James Curry departed this life on the 11th of February 1828, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. all of which is respectfully submitted. Sworn and subscribed the day & year first above written

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The farther declaration or affidavit of Mrs. Ann Curry now about 82 years old, widow of James Curry dec'd who was a soldier in the army of the Revolution, taken subscribed and sworn to at her own house in Mercer County, Ky. this 31st day of August 1837. She states that the statements made by her in her former declaration in regard to her marriage and the service of her husband in the War of the revolution are strictly true and she knows that he was in the service in virginia before they were married and was at the battle of the Long bridge [Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] but how long he was in actual service then she has no distinct recollection. She knows that he was with Clarke in all his Campaigns in this Country after they were married. She farther states that her maiden name was Ann Curry and was married to James Curry now dec'd at the time set forth in her former declaration. She has no documentary evidence of their marriage unless it can be found on the records of the Rockingham County Court Virginia that she knows of – her oldest child was born in Virginia and died in two or three years after his birth and she has no record of his age. The ages of the ballance of her children she finds recorded in an old Bible the leaf is herewith forwarded and made a part of this affidavit She farther states that her brother William Curry was killed at the battle of the point [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774], and her brother James Curry was kill'd in the battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780]. She had five brothers all were in the struggle for Independance and two of them lost their lives in battles – in Conclusion she states that she knows of no person now living that saw them married, but god knows that her and her husband

done their parts faithfully in the war of the revolution

Ann herXmark Curry

The affidavit of Timothy Corn [pension application W1147] a resident Citizen of Mercer County Ky aged Seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth upon his Oath make the following statement. That he came to Kentucky in the year 1780 and became intimately acquainted with the said James Curry and his wife Mrs Ann Curry in the said year of 1780. he cannot say when they were married, but has no doubt but what they were legally married as stated in her declaration. They were living together as man and wife when he came to the country in 1780 and was so reputed and believed by all who knew them. he is well acquainted with all their children and Mrs. Ann Curry's oldest child from his recollection must be fifty nine or sixty years of age, and he will farther state, that better Citizens than old James Curry and his wife Ann Curry never lived in any Country. he farther states that when he came to this Country the said James Curry belonged to the Regt. commanded by Col G. R. Clark either as a Regular or a volunteer soldier, he is not certain which, he knows that he was in several campaigns with him agst the Indians in the years 1780 81 & 82. They were together at old Chillicothea [sic: Old Chillicothe [possibly the battle in late May 1779], and at the Maume. This affiant did not belong to the Illinois Reg't. but he knows that old James Curry did, and was with Clarke at the taking of Governor Hambleton at the O Post now Vincennes. There is no dobt of the service of said Curry in the war of the Revolution and the records will shew it, and from his knowledge of his service it could not have been less than two years, for he found him in the service when he first came to this Country and he remained in the Indian service untill the close of the war. he will farther state that the s'd. Ann Curry is the widow of the said James Curry, and an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church, and that implicit confidence can be placed in what she states. She is very old and feeble. This affiant always understood from the old people themselves for he was intimate with them, that they were married in Rockingham County Virginia, and he firmly believes it to be true, indeed no person or persons acquainted with them, believe otherwise – and farther sayeth not. Subscribed and sworn to according to Law this 7th day of February in the year 1837.

Timothy hisXmark Corn

NOTES:

Edward Willis (W9005) certified the service and character of James Curry and the character of Ann Curry. John Gritton (S13203) also made a supporting statement and added that James Curry was called "Irish Jimmy."

On 5 April 1853 Nancy Brewer, daughter of Ann Curry who died on 11 Feb 1838, assigned power of attorney to obtain the amount of pension still owed her mother.

The family record on the back of the title page of a New Testament printed in 1782 is transcribed as follows:

John Curry Was Born November ye [page torn] in the year of our Lord 1782

James Curry was Born February ye 26th in ye year of our Lord 1784

Robert Curry was Born January ye 4th day in the year of our Lord 1786

Samuel Curry was Born March ye 27th in ye year of our Lord 1788