Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Purdy W9602 Nancy fn24SC Transcribed by Will Graves 7/30/09

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: 1845 Court of Ordinary

On this the 20th day of November 1845: Personally appeared before the Honorable the Court of Ordinary in the State of South Carolina Abbeville District, Nancy Purdy, widow of Henry Purdy, a resident of the State of South Carolina Abbeville District aged eighty-two years past, 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 July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of Henry Purdy, who was, as she believes, and always understood from himself and from those who served with him, a Wagoner in the war of the Revolution, in the State of South Carolina. He entered the public service with his wagon and team in November 1778 and continued in service until about the close of the war: That she has no documentary evidence of his Services; her husband's old papers having all been lost: the names of the officers under whom he served, not recollected. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Purdy on the 5th day of December in the year 1786 by Robert Hall a Presbyterian clergyman; That she has no record evidence of her marriage but her family record which is hereto annexed.

That her husband, the aforesaid Henry Purdy died on the 16th day of August 1816; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated.

S/ Nancy Purdy, X her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year first written in open Court before me S/ David Lesly, Ordinary and Judge of said Court of Abbeville District

[James Purdy gave testimony in support of his mother's application]

[fn p. 7: Family Bible Record: Sept 3th 1787 James Purdy Born Novm 7th 1788 Elezabeth Purdy Born febr 21 1790 Margret Purdy Born January 2, 1792 grizzella Purdy Born Sept 6th 1793 Ann Purdy Born October 3 1795 Henry Purdy Born Janr 5 1798 agness Purdy Born Sept. 12 1800 Mary Purdy Born Septemb 7 1803 Sarrah Purdy Born

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febur 11 1806 Jennet Purdy Born November 1 1808 Allah Purdy Born William Norrel Purdy Born May 31 1811 James H. Purdy Born December the 19 1834 Elisabeth A. Purdy Born July the 27 1841 Annamariah R Purdy Born June the 6 1843 Departed this life on the 16 of August 1816 Henry Purday aged 65 years

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I do certify that Henry Purdy have taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and fidelity as Directed by an Act of the general Assembly of the State of South Carolina entitled an Act to oblige every free Male Inhabitant of this State above the Certain age to give Assurance of fidelity and Allegiance to the same and for other purposes –

Given under my hand this 14th Day of May 1778 S/ Francis Logan, Captain

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: It known that on the 25th day of January 1846 before me William P. Noble a Magistrate in and for the district aforesaid personally appeared Andrew Weed¹ a resident of said district and State, aged 81 years past, who being first duly sworn, saith on oath, That he was personally acquainted with Henry Purdy, who was a Private Soldier, and served in the War of the Revolution in that capacity, in the State of South Carolina: That he became acquainted with the said Purdy at Pickens Block House in the year 1779 or 1780. That the said Purdy was doing duty as a private soldier in Colonel Anderson's Regiment -- General Pickens Brigade South Carolina Militia and that he remained attached to the American Army until Peace was made in 1783.

That the said Purdy, 2 or 3 years after rendering the services aforesaid, married Nancy Rickey, in Abbeville District South Carolina; where he resided during his lifetime; That he was always understood, and believes the said Henry and Nancy were legally married; but he did not witness the marriage ceremony, That they lived together as Husband and wife, on till separated by death -- and had several children; That James, their eldest son, was born in the latter part of the year 1787, which fact he knows by 8 comparison with his own family record.

That the said Henry Purdy died in the year 1816, leaving the aforesaid Nancy as his legal widow, and that she has remained a widow ever since.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above mentioned before me S/ W. P. Noble, Magist.

S/ Andw Weed

[fn p. 23: certificate dated December 8, 1845 given by the South Carolina Comptroller General this thing the payments made to Henry Purdy for services in the militia and for services of his wagon and team during the revolution.]

[facts in file: the married Nancy Rickey in Abbeville district South Carolina on December 5, 1786]

¹ FPA BLWt80034-160-55