

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Steward (Stewart) R10171

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State of Kentucky Pike County: SS

On this 26 day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Pike County Court Thomas Steward a resident of Kentucky in the County of Pike age 67 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1783 in the month of May under Colonel Martin Armstrong of Surry County and State of North Carolina. He states he turned out volunteer and served 6 months under Colonel Martin Armstrong and under Captain Richard Woodfork. He states that he was in that part of the Army that was entirely engaged in guarding the Towns. He was in no engagement. He was discharged by Colonel Martin Armstrong, that discharge has since been lost.

His memory is much shattered and he can not recollect positively as to the particular transaction or as to time. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Steward, X his mark

[William Jackitt [could be William Tackitt], a clergyman, and Abram Potter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1767

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have not and only know by tradition

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Surry County and State of North Carolina and have mostly lived in Kentucky and am now living in Pike County Kentucky

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered under Captain Richard Woodfork for six months my Lieutenant's

name was John Harper

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Colonel John Armstrong, Captain Woodfork General Martin Armstrong & Lieutenant John Harper

He states that he volunteered under Richard Woodfork in the year 1783 and was placed as a guard as mentioned in the declaration and he states that [he] received a discharge from General Martin Armstrong but the discharge has since been lost.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge from General Martin Armstrong the General who commanded the Regiment.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

TheAns. William Ramus Esquire, James Roberts Esquire, William Jacket Esquire, Abram Potter, Thomas Make Esquire, General William Rattcliff, & John Ramey

The Testimony of Abram Potter¹ taken before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Pike and State of Kentucky in relation to the Service of Thomas Steward an old Revolutionary Soldier doth on his oath make the following Statement. That he is well acquainted with said Thomas Steward and has been before the he volunteered and served six months as stated, also knows that he was a soldier as stated in the declaration aforesaid and served under the officers as stated in the declaration stated.

Sworn to before made this 26 day of November 1833

S/ Simon Justice, JP

[fn p. 11: There is correspondence dated April 9th, 1857 referring to a declaration made by Mrs. Jane Stewart [sic] of Kentucky claiming a pension and bounty land as the widow of Thomas Stewart [sic], but I did not see that document in this file.]

[fn p. 12: On February 15, 1857 in Letcher County Kentucky, Benjamin Webb gave testimony that he was at the wedding of Thomas Steward and Jane Potter in the County of Perry Kentucky and that the JP [Joseph Hammonds] who was performing the marriage became sick during the ceremony and that he, Webb, actually performed the wedding ceremony.]

¹ [Abram Potter S30657](#)