

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Weakley (Weakly) R11229

Prudence

fn46VA

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: The application(s) filed to make this claim was (were) removed, sent to Congress and not returned. Consequently I have decided to quote at length from the body of a letter dated April 2, 1940 addressed in response to a request for information regarding this veteran. That letter reads in relevant part as follows:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Thomas Weakley who married Prudence Chappell in Halifax County, Virginia, September 29, 1784, and died in Montgomery County, Tennessee, also of Robert Weakley who was born in 1722, married Eleanor Stewart (or Stuart) and died in 1798 in Halifax County, Virginia. Your remittance of \$1.00 is acknowledged.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon services in the Revolution of a Robert Weakley, under any spelling.

The record of Thomas Weakley follows as found in the papers of pension claim, R. 11299, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The Revolutionary War records of this office show that Prudence Weakley (surname shown, also as Weakly) made application for pension about the year 1845, on account of service in the Revolutionary War of her husband, Thomas Weakley.

Said records show, also, that January 24, 1848, the papers in her application were withdrawn from the files of the Pension Office by Honorable L. B. Chase, to be presented before Congress in an effort to secure the pension for Mrs. Weakley. Her claim under the Act of July 7th, 1838, had been suspended because the proof of soldier's service had not been furnished as required by the pension roll. Those papers were never returned to the Pension Office.

The few bits of correspondence on file under the number, R. 11299, in regard to the claim of Prudence Weakley, indicate that she was married prior to January, 1794, in Halifax County, state not designated; that she alleged at least two-years' service in the Revolutionary War of her husband, Thomas Weakley, and that he served under Captain Thomas Posey of Colonel Morgan's Rifle Regiment.

It is shown that in 1846, Prudence Weakley was living in Montgomery County state not named, probably Tennessee, as her agents were of Harpeth, Tennessee, and that Isaac Weakley and Colonel Robert Weakley, soldier's brothers, had made affidavits in her behalf in support of her claim for pension.

No pension was never granted because her claim was never established.

There is no further data on file in regard to the soldier, or to his service, or

his family in consequence of the removal of the full text of the widow's application as related above.

No charges made for this report. One dollar, the amount of your events, will be refunded in due time.

[Note: I also looked at the Virginia Library online records for revolutionary war bounty land claims, pension claims and rejected pension claims and found no entries for anyone named Weakley or any likely variation in spelling of that name.]