

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Welch R11293

Mary Ann

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Honorable Secretary of the Interior

Thomas Welch son of William & Mary Ann, who is claiming pension in right of the said Mary Ann, very respectfully say as to your Honor, that he is now a feeble old man very poor, is a widower, as to Daughters to support, one 45, the other 38 years of age, and both, deaf and dumb, that he lives on a small piece of rented land, and if your Honor after an examination of his claim, finds she is justly entitled, he prays, that his pension may issue as soon as circumstances would permit, he asked only justice in the case, and he hopes your Honor will be satisfied he is truly the son of the Identical William Welch, whose service is certified by Comptroller of NC and he will ever pray, etc.

S/ Thomas Welch
Present by his
Atty J. W. Stevens

Abingdon

August 17th 1857

The declaration of Thomas Welch, sole and only heir at law of William Welch deceased, a soldier of the revolution in the State of North Carolina, who is alleged to have served six years and a half, to the close of the War in 1783. It is further alleged that the said William Welch, fought in the following named Battles (to wit) Bunker Hill, Brandywine, Gates defeat, battle of Camden, Guilford & Eutaw Springs, that the said William Welch, died in the County of Russell on the 14th day of April in the year 1832, and that his widow, Mary Ann Welch, died in said County on the 25th day of April 1847.

State of Virginia County of Russell

I Thomas Welch, sole, and only heir at law, of William Welch deceased, and of his widow, Mary Ann Welch deceased, do upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that William Welch, did enter the service in about 1774 for the term of the war and served to its close as a ___ in the Regiment No. ___ under the command of Colonel ___ of the North Carolina Continental line, and that he enlisted under Captain Lytle, in the County of

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Orange in the State of North Carolina, and that he continued in the service aforesaid, until the close of the war in 1783. I further declare, that the said William Welch and Mary Ann his wife was married in Orange County North Carolina, before the commencement of the revolutionary War, about the year 1771, that the said William and Mary Ann Welch, had ten children all of which are dead except declarant Thomas Welch, who was their third born child, who is now seventy-six years of age. I further declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, he never received a warrant for Bounty land, from us on the part of the United States, nor has his heirs, nor do I believe he ever transferred his claim to it, in any manner whatsoever nor did he ever applied, or receive a pension under any Act of Congress nor did his widow, ever made application for pension, he the declarant, Thomas Welch sole heir at law of his mother Mary Ann, prays that he received the amount of pension under Act of 7th of June 1832, that would accrue to his mother the said Mary Ann, in right of the said William Welch, that he received in right of his father, from the 4th of March 1831, to the day of his death, which occurred 14th of April 1832, and that he received in right of his mother the said Mary Ann, from 14th of April 1832. If admissible to the 25th of April 1847 the day of her death, otherwise, from 4th of March 1836 2 the 25th of April 1847.

[There follows a power of attorney authorizing Thomas Welch's attorney to pursue his claim.]

[fn p. 68: certificate dated June 11, 1856 from the North Carolina Comptroller general showing payments made to a William Welch for services rendered during the revolution.]

[fn p. 122: affidavit dated June 30, 1857 of Mary Fields, 93, resident of Russell County Virginia regarding the reputation of William Welch as a soldier of the revolution; the marriage of William Welch to Mary Ann his wife; and their son Thomas.]

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State of Virginia County of Russell: SS

On this day, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Samuel Hargus aged, near ninety years, who in due you and solemn form of law, doth, on his oath, declare that he was born and raised in Orange County North Carolina, that after the commencement of the war of the revolution, William Welch entered the Army and served a tour of six months under Captain Lytle, that he returned home to his wife and two children, that he then enlisted for during the war -- that he was the intimate neighbor friend of William Welch, that about sixty years ago they both, with their families moved to this County where they lived intimate neighbors, until the death of said William, & to the death of his widow, that he knows, he is the Identical William Welch, who first served under Lytle, and then enlisted for the war, and that he knows him and his wife, Mary Ann, continuously, and his son Thomas, only surviving child, who is now an applicant for pension in right of his mother, that the said Thomas is now near 77 years of age, that he has known him from infancy -- that the said William Welch & Mary Ann who was Mary Ann Faris [Mary Ann Farris?] were truly man & wife, they were married in said County of Orange, before any record of marriage was kept, and married as many were, after the publication of Bans, that in North Carolina & in Virginia, they were reputed as husband & wife, knowledge in each other as such, and acknowledging Thomas as their lawfully begotten son, and which none doubts, and that we them and his wife died at the date heretofore set forth, these all facts well remembered by him because they were so long acquainted, and lived near each other, and he knows, that the said William Welch while in service and his wife and 2

children, then residing in the County of Orange, and she was the widow & mother of the identical William & Thomas, who now claims a pension in right of his mother & Father that he is now infirm in body and not able to ride to court to give his testimony.

S/ Samuel W. Hargus

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Virginia

At a court held in Russell County at the Court house thereof on the 6th day of March 1855

Samuel Hargis aged eighty-one years, a respectable person and entitled to credit personally appeared in Court and being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he was well acquainted with William Welch deceased who was a revolutionary soldier, that he knows that the said William Welch served two campaigns in the militia and that he afterwards enlisted in the regular Army and served through the war. That Thomas Welch who is now 70 odd years of age is the son of William Welch, he having been acquainted with him ever since he was a child, and thereupon it is ordered to be certified that it appears to this court by legal and satisfactory evidence that William Welch deceased was a soldier during the revolutionary war and Thomas Welch is the only surviving heir at law.

Given under my hand and seal of my office at Lebanon this 9th Day of March 1855

S/ Richard H. Lynch, CC