

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Welton R11320 Margaret fn40VA
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State of Indiana Knox County: SS

On this sixteenth day of November 1839 personally appeared before the honorable the judge of the Knox Probate Court, Margret Welton, a resident of the said County, aged seventy-four years, who being 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, passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Jonathan Welton, that she is not able of her personal knowledge to certify what rank he held in the Army, nor the time he entered or left the same, but that she believes he was a private in the Virginia militia and has heard the deceased say so, and also that he was a rifleman, and that she has also heard him say he was at the "pinning up and taking of Cornwallis," and also that he entered the service at different periods, she says that at the time he entered the service he lived near the town of Morefield [Moorefield], Hampshire County Virginia, and that she has no documentary evidence in support of his being in the Army. She expects to establish all the above facts by proof from one who was in the service with the deceased.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jonathan Welton on the 5th day of August 1785; and that her husband, the aforesaid Jonathan Welton died on the 9th of March 1823; 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/ Margret Welton



Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me George R Gibson Probate Judge in and for Knox County Indiana in open Court, the day and year first aforesaid
S/ Geo. R. Gibson

State of Indiana Knox County SS: On the 13th day of February A.D. 1840 personally appeared in open Court in the Probate Court of Knox County before the Honorable George R Gibson Judge thereof William Purcell,¹ who being sworn according to law says that he will be seventy-nine years old on the last day of July next. That he knows of Jonathan Welton having served in the Revolutionary War in the Virginia Militia from the 2nd day of May 1781 to the 25th day of August of that same year, or within a day or two of that time, that they both served during this

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time under Captain Michael Stump, and General Muhlenberg – that they started, to wit, the company from Hampshire now Hardy County in said State, and returned to the same place where they are both discharge, that during said time they were in no battle, but chased and were chased alternately by the enemy – That the said Welton died the time mentioned in the declaration of his widow above written, according to his best recollection, that he lived in his neighborhood at the time of his death, and has always known him from the commencement of said services.

S/ Wm Purcell

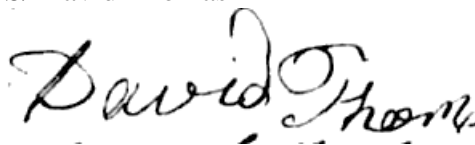


State of Illinois Clark County: Be it remembered that on this 8th day of December A.D. 1842 before me, Milton Lake, one of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court, of said County, personally came Margret Welton, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon her oath make the following declaration amendatory to one heretofore made by her in the County of Knox and State of Indiana. That she changed her place of abode from Knox County Indiana to Clark County Illinois for the purpose of residing with her daughter, who resides in the last named County, That she cannot speak with certainty as to the service of her husband, Jonathan Welton, but she has heard her said husband speak of having served in the War of the Revolution, at other times, than that which he performed with William Percell [William Purcell]: and she verily believes that he served, in all at least ~~Five~~ years: That Edward Percell [Edward Purcell]² as she believes, would have proved more services on the part of her said husband, but that she entrusted the management of her claim to Mr. Thomas of Vincennes Ia, and that from some cause or other, the deposition of said Edward Percell, was not taken, in his life, and that said personnel, is now dead, as he is, also William Percell – whose deposition was taken.

S/ Margret Welton, X her mark

Deposition of David Thomas of the County of Clay and State of Indiana taken on the 10th day of August 1842 before John Osborn a justice of the peace within and for Clay County Indiana I was acquainted with Jonathan Welton Hardy County and State of Virginia from the year 1779 to and in the year 1781 and about 12 years afterwards that he real enteen [??] in the year 1781 for 18 months joined the Virginia Regiment and marched under Anthony Wayne against the British and was then taken prisoner and discharged by a furtow [furlough?] and afterwards he volunteered under Captain Fisher and was at the token [taking] of Lord Conveallis [Cornwallis] at York Town that I was 14 years old at that time and further saith not.

S/ David Thomas



State of Indiana Clay County: SS: Be it known that on this 19th day of September A. D. 1842 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared David Thomas a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath Depose and Say. That he was well acquainted with Jonathan Welton in his life time –that he was acquainted with him in the County of Hardy in the State of Virginia in the year

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1779 and was acquainted with him for many years after the close of the war of the Revolution – that about the __ day of the month of August in the year 1781he the said Welton entered the Service of United States at a place called Morefield in the State of Virginia as a volunteer in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel __ he thinks of the Virginia Militia—said Welton entered the Service as aforesaid for the term of eighteen months—that said Welton marched under the Command of General Anthony Wayne in that year against the British and was as I understood at the Battle of Yorktown at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis—I was about fourteen years of age at the time and recollect the Circumstances well—In the time of his said engagements he Welton was taken prisoner by the British was retained by them a few days and let go on a parole and again joined the American Army. He was a part of the time under the command of Capt. Fisher and further saith not.

S/ David Thomas

[fn p. F6: certificate from the Hampshire County Virginia clerk stating that records in his office show that Jonathan Welton and Margaret Miles were married by Moses Hoge on the 5th day of April 1785.]