

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Deale R2797 VA
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[13 Sep 1844] The declaration of Thomas Deale in order to obtain the benefit of the act of the congress of the united States aprovid the 7th of June 1832 granting pention to soldiers of the revolution he declares from the information obtained from his parrents that he was Eighty five years of age in the munth of June last he further declares that he rendered the following Servis in the War of the revolution he declares that he served two terms of three munths each as a vollenteer maletia solder under captin Thomas Lurry a man by the name of Tailor was the major I served under and a man by the name of William Campbill [William Campbell] was the colonel and he declares that the the servises was rendered at Norfolk in the State of Virginia as he was stationed thare near all the wile he was in the service he declares that he was in one ingagement against the brittish at a place near norfolk as he now recollects about three or fore miles from norfolk at a plaice called doubtlyes store or grate swamp [Great Dismal Swamp?] in whetch engagement the amerricans gained the Battle he states that both his captin and his Colonel lived in Carullin county [Caroline County?] in the State of Virginia about one mile and a quarter apart and that his father lived on colonel Campbells land at the time he went into Service the above service was rendered as he now recollects in the year of one thousand seven hundred and 81 or 1782 as he now recollects at it was but a short time before the surrender of cornwallaice [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] he states that his discharge was lost amongst his fathers papers he further declares that there is no living witness by whoome he can prove his servises as he knows of at this time and he tharefore refers to the rools or records of the department of war for proof of his servises and tharefore requests the benefit of the afore recited act

Thomas hisXmark Deale

State of Kentucky Floyd county SS

on this 31st day of January 1845 personally appeared before me Thomas Cessell [sic: Thomas Cecil] an acting and qualified Justice of the pece in and for the county of floyd and state of Kentucky Thomas Deale a resident of the county of floyd and state aforesaid aged Eighty five years who being first dully swarn acording to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June the 7th 1832

He declares that he served two terms of three months each as a vollenteer malitia solder in the revolutionary war under Captin Thomas Lurry a man by the name of Taylor was our Major and William Campbell was our colonel he declares that he was stationed near all the while of his service at norfolk in the State of Virginia he declares that he was in one engagement near norfolk at a plaice called doutys store near the grate swamp he states that he was yung and now verry old and expects not to live long and expects that his memory is failing and will give the statements of the facts as I now recollect he declares that there was stationed at norfolk when he was thare a large number of troop both malitia and regular troops how many I do not know nor do I now recollect that I ever heard but I suppose some thousands in all my recolection is that the most of the regular troops that I saw thare was gone from thare part of the time I was thare. I entered into the service after we had laid by our corn or a short time after I think it was in september and and staid thare in service six munths my recolection is that it was in the latter part of the Winter or the first of the spring that I was discharged I received my discharge from my captin Thomas Lurry and my colonel was by when I got my discharge as I was well aquanted with my captin and my colonel as my father lived on Captin Lurry land when I went into the service Colonel campbell lived close nabour to captin Lurry both in Camblin county Virginia [see endnote] one of my mothers Brothers and one of my fathers Brothers and one of my mothers cousins got killed in the ingagement I before spoke of near doutys store the number of troop that was in the ingagement I do not know that I ever heard say but I do not think that all the troop that was at norfolk was thare I think only a part of them I do not recollect the name of any of the regular officers only one he was by the name of Randel

but what office he filed I do not recollect as we did not mix much with the regular troop my recollection is that I went into service in 1782 and was discharged in 1783 but in this I am not clear in my mind as to dates and time but I know it was but a short time before the surrender of the army of Cornwallis I think now but a few months. When I came home from the army I gave my discharge to my father and from what he told me he said he expected he had burnt it among some of his old papers and I have never seen it after I gave it to my father he states that he resided in the county of Campbell and state of Virginia when he entered the service and returned from service to the same county he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory he further declares that there is no living witness that he knows of by whom he can prove his services Thomas Deale

Interrogatories propounded by Thomas Cessell Esquire acting and qualified Justice of the peace in and for the county of Floyd and state of Kentucky to Thomas Deale the within applicant for a pension

where and in what year were you born

answer I was Born in Campbell county Virginia and from what I was told by my parents I was Born in the year 1769 [sic] and if I live to next June I will be 86 years of age

question by same to same

have you any record of your age and if so where is it

answer by Thomas Deale I have no record of my age I have kept the calculation of my age by what my parents told me

question by same to same

where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer by same I was living in Campbell county Virginia when called into service I have lived in Northampton county [sic: Northampton County] Patrick County and Washington county Virginia it has been about 31 years since I first came to Floyd county Kentucky where I now live

question by same to same

how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer by same to same I was a volunteer

question by same to same

state the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your case

answer by same to same I do not recollect the names of any of the continental troops only a man by the name Randol he was an officer what office he held I do not recollect nor do I recollect the names of any of the militia officers only them I served with Captin Lurry Mjr Taylor and Colonel Campbell as I was well acquainted with Lurry and Campbell

question by same to same

did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given

answer by same to same I did receive a discharge and it was given to me by my Captin Thomas Lurry and Colonel Campbell was by when Captin Lurry gave it to me and when I came home I gave it to my father and has never seen it since I suppose my father burnt it from what he told me

State of Kentucky Floyd County Sect

The deposition of Rodin Sturgeon after being first duly sworn deposes and saith that he has been acquainted with Thomas Deale of Floyd county as he now recollects for about twenty years past it may be longer and probably not quit so long The said Thomas Deale now as he understands is an applicant for a pension as a soldier of the revolution he was called old Thomas Deale when I first knew him when I first saw Thomas Deale I then thought he was about as old as I am now and I am now about sixty years of age or sixty one he further states that he was a soldier in the last war [War of 1812] and served his time at Norfolk was stationed there with the Virginia militia and after I became acquainted with Thomas Deale he

told me that there was where he served six months in the war of the revolution in Speaking about norfolk he gave a correct discription of the plaice he allso told me he was raised near that place I think the first conversation I had with him on the subject of both of our servisses in the war of mine in the last war and his in the war of the revolution has been as far back as twelve or fifteen years he then told me about his sister washing for him while he was in the war while he was stationed at norfolk he further states that he is aquanted with a man By the name of William Ratleff who is said to be a man of truth and a professer of religion who told him that he was well aquanted with Thomas Deales Sister and he told this deponent that shee often spoke of the Servises of hir Brother Thomas Dale in the revolution and that shee washed for him while he was ingaged in the Service and that shee said hir Brother had served six months The sister of Thomas Deale is now dead as Ratleff told me he further states that the said thomas Deale lives Eighteen or nineteen miles from the court house and he seems to Be verry much on the decline of life from old age and from being a cripple that he would incounter much hardship two much in my oppinion for a man of his age to have to attend before a court when he would have to travell so far. he further states that from all that heard on the subject Thomas Deales conversation to him long since and his sister telling the same story to William Ratleff and about hir washing for him while in service just as Thomas Deale told me shee did and from the appearance of his age when I first knew him and the appearance of his age at this time I am bound to gave all the facts as they are connected and as I know my self of the cituation of norfolk together with the statements of Thomas Deale when on oath well knowing the man to be inexperienced about law buisness and of but little energy to prosecute any claim that might be cuming to him and has liveed at a considerable distance from a court house ever since I have knew him in a mountain cuntry taking all the facts as I know and have heard from others and from Thomas Deale I verryly believe that the facts set forth in his declaration are true, he further states that the said Ratleff told him that said Deales sister told him that shee wanted him to git the pension for hir Brother but Ratleff said he did not know how to make the aplication as he was not much of a scholar he further states that Thomas Deale is a verry poore man and has no horse to Ride and a bad cripple likewise

Rhoden hisXmark Surgeon

The above sworn to before me this 31th day of January 1845 Thomas Cecil JPFC

Pike county Kentucky november 17th 1845

The deposition if William Ratliff of Pike County Kentucky he states that he was aquanted with a woman by the name of nany Deal [Nancy Deale] who was the reputed sister of Thomas Deale of floyd county Kentucky who he understands is now an applicant for a pension as a soldier of the Revolution The said nany Deale is now dead as he is informed and believes and has been dead about four years She was a very old woman when I knew hur. I have often heard hur speake of hur Brother Thomas Deal being in the Service in the revolutionarry war and that he served six munths at norfolk and shee allso stated that she was within a mile and a half of where he was ingaged in a battle She allso stated that she washed for him while he was in the service I was aquainted with hur about four years and and considered hur a woman of truth she stated that shee lived hursel in a bout a mile of norfolk when hur Brother was in the service. I have no recollection of hearing hur say whar hur Brother lived when he went into service

[signed] William ratliff

The deposition of Roden Hall of floyd county Kentucky

he states that he has been aquainted with Thomas Deale of floyd County Ky for then or tweve years and from my first aquantance with him I have heard him speake of his service in the revoltionary war and having served at norfolk six months and heard him speake of living near the grate swamp when he was called into service and heard him talk of driving a cart to norfolk from where he then lived I do not recollect the time he said it took to make the trip but it was a short time that he spoke of

Roden hisXmark Hall

[20 Nov 1845] The amended declaration of Thomas Deal of floyd county Kentucky who is making application for a pension as a soldier of the revolution he states that he expects from the loss of memory and the grate lenth of time that in his former declaration he has not been able to set forth the true name of the county and state whare he lived when he went into the service but he recollects of living in that section of cuntry that when he was engaged in drawing a cart for his father to norfolk and home againe that it took from two to three days to go to norfolk and home again in the rout from whare we lived to norfolk we had to cross the grate swamp I have halled shingles from whare we lived to norfolk what ever county and state it may be in that was the place I lived when I was called into service and I suppose I have made more than twenty trip with the cart from whare I then lived to norfolk and back and my Returnn loade home was generally oisters he states that he is advised that it was not in the State of Virginia whare he lived when called into service But my recollection is that it was called virginia. But I may be mistaken having served at Norfolk Virginia
Thomas hisXmark Deale

[22 March 1847]

Mr J L Edwards [Pension Commissioner] Dear sir some 2 years ago I imployd one D K Harris to prosecute my clame in order to obtain a pention I gave my Decleration & got some testamony and they ware put in his hands and he said he that he sent them on to for your inspection and about that time he left this contry and mooved to west & I no not what has be come of them if he has sent them to you you will doe me a favour by sending me the papers or a cobby of them and at same time inform me what they lacked or if they did not come to your hands & if they came & was allowed pleas inform me if anything was drawn and how mutch your &c
Thomas Deal

State of Kentucky }
Floyd County } Sct

On this 13th day of April AD 1852 Personally appeared before me Jesse Hall an acting Justice of the peace within & for the County and Sate afore said Thomas Deal aged about 85 a resident of Floyd County in the State of Kentucky who first being duly sworn according to law doth upon oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the acts of congress passed

That he was a private Soldier in the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Lurray in the Regiment Commanded Col. campbell and Maj Taylor under Gen. Washington in the Old [blank space] line That He entered the service in Campbell County in the State of Virginia to go to Norfolk & that he went there & served out his time under the above named officers that he was in an engagement at or near a place called the girt swamp. that he entered the service at about the age of sixteen as near as he can recollect Sayes that Majr Taylor Come to his Fathers in Campbell County in Virginia & told him he must go to fight the British and he (Thos. Deal) could have his choice to Volunteer enlist or be drafted & he states that he Volunteered for six months & continued in actual service for the term of six months and was honourably discharged according to At Norfolk Virginia. but has forgot what time of the year. he also states that he received a regular discharge & thinks that his Father burned it among a lot of other old papers that he thought useless & worthless. he also states that he is now getting very old & his memory very treacherous & that he cannot recollect all the circumstances like he once could. that he has hitherto made application for pension through One D. Kelsey Harris as Attorney & failed to get it and to the evidence on file & to the records he refers fror for evidence in support of his application

Thomas hisXmark Deal

State of Kentucky } Sct
Floyd County }

On this the 21st day of April AD 1855 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace within and for the County and State above written Thomas Deal aged about . years [sic] a Resident of Floyd County and after being first duly sworn according to law makes the following dclaration that he is the Identical Thomas Deel who was a private in the Company Commanded by

Captain Thos. Lury in the — Regiment of Virginia Militia Commanded by Col Campbell in the Revolutionary war Volunteered at Cambell County State of Virginia in or about the year 1781 or 1782 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war for as much as fourteen days and was honorably discharged at or near Norfolk.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which he may be entitled to under the act of Congress approved the third of March 1855

He also declares that he has not Received a warrant for Bounty land under this nor any other act of Congress nor made any other application therefor Thomas hisXmark Deel

NOTE: Some documents in the file suggest that “Camblin County” was Camden County NC.