

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Jeffress (Jeffrys) R5565

Mary Jeffress

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State of Virginia County of Lunenburg: SS

Be it known that on the 14th day of June 1852 personally appeared before the County Court of Lunenburg in the said State now in session Mary C Jeffrys [sic] a resident of said State and County, aged 78 years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed on the 29th of July 1848.

That she is the widow of Thomas Jeffrys, a Revolutionary Soldier who was a Private Soldier in the Virginia State Line. That the said Thomas Jeffrys was born in Nottoway County Virginia on the 10th day of June 1761, and died at his residence in Lunenburg County Virginia on the 9th of May 1822. That she was married to the said Thomas Jeffreys [sic] in Charlotte County Virginia by one John Williams, a Baptist Minister on the 2nd day of September 1794. Her name before marriage was Hamlet.

That the said Thomas Jeffreys entered the service at Nottoway County Virginia with one Hampton Waller of the same place being both privates. He marched from Nottoway County and was in the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], She has no means of knowing the exact time he served, but it was quite a long time. She therefore refers to the accompanying certificate from the Auditor of Virginia, which will show the amount of money paid to her deceased husband the said Thomas Jeffreys.

She further declares that her eldest child was born on the 4th day of September 1797. That she was not married to the said Thomas Jeffreys prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1800, viz. at the time above stated, She further declares that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

She also declares that she has and does appoint William Hunt of Washington City DC her true and lawful Attorney to act for her in the matter and to receive and take charge of her certificate of pension should the same be granted.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written and the Court doth certify that there does not appear to it any doubt but that the affiant is the widow of the said Thomas Jeffreys a Rev Soldier.

S/ Mary C. Jeffress



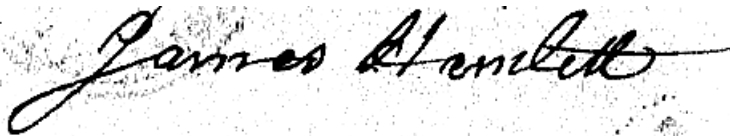
Test:
S/ J. W. Winn, Clerk

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State of North Carolina Person County: May 8, 1852

This is to certify that Mary C Hamlet of Charlotte County Virginia and Thomas Jeffress of Lunenburg County Virginia was lawfully married in Charlotte County Virginia in the latter part of the year 1794 or 1795 & that Mary C Jeffress was the said Mary C Hamlett and is now the lawful widow of the said Thomas Jeffress. Given under my hand this day and date first above written.

S/ James Hamlett

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Hamlett". The ink is dark and the signature is written over a light, textured background.

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 26th day of April 1783 in the name of Thomas Jeffreys as Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £193.11.2, delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 29th day of March 1852.

S/ Ro Johnston

First Auditor

[No Seal of Office]

[p 17: Robert Johnston, first Auditor gave an identical certificate to the one set forth above except that his certificate is dated November 13th, 1852 and bears the following postscript: "I hereby certify that the above is the only Thomas Jeffreys to be found in the Virginia State Line Register as having received his Depreciation pay. Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 13th day of November 1852.

S/ Ro Johnston
First Auditor"]

[p 3: Certificate issued by the County Court in Lunenburg County Virginia January 10, 1853 stating that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited to the court that Thomas Jeffress late of this County died in the said County May 9, 1822 leaving Mary C Jeffress his widow.]

[p 5: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Charlotte County Virginia and dated August 9, 1794 issued to Thomas Jeffress and Thomas Walker conditioned upon the marriage of Thomas Jeffress to Polly Hamlet.]

[p 22: In a letter dated June 29, 1852 the assertion is made that they widow is the hand of the Honorable T. H. Averett,¹ member of Congress from Virginia.]

[p 28: Letter dated April 28, 1852 from T. H. Averett to Wm Hunt in which Averett states that Mary Jeffress of Lunenburg County is his aunt; that he has understood during his life that Thomas Jeffress the husband of his aunt was a revolutionary war pensioner and fought bravely at the battle of Guilford Courthouse but he knows nothing of his services [of his own knowledge].

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. H. Averett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

¹ AVERETT, Thomas Hamlet, a Representative from Virginia; born near Halifax, Halifax County, Va., July 10, 1800; attended the common schools; served as a drummer boy in the War of 1812; studied medicine; was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., and practiced in Halifax and the adjacent counties; served in the State senate in 1848 and 1849; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1846 to the Thirtieth Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1853); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1852; resumed the practice of medicine in Halifax County; died near Halifax Court House, Va., June 30, 1855; interment in the family burial ground near Halifax Court House, Va.

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