

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Steele S17123

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State of Tennessee Maury County: On this 12th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Samuel Steele resident of the State of Tennessee and County of Maury aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that he lived in North Carolina Burk [Burke] County when the Revolutionary war commenced and sometime in the early part of the war the dates not recollected that he went into the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Militia for the term of three months under Captain Robert Holmes names of the subaltern officers not recollected marched to or near Camden there mustered into service marched from Camden to Charlestown with the Army the commanding officer's name not recollected served out the time at Charlestown was discharged and returned home to Burke County.

Sometime after he returned home from Charlestown he states that he volunteered as a light horseman for three months under Captain John vickerstaff [sic, John Bickerstaff] joined no large Army but was employed in scouting after the Tories & served out the three months was discharged and returned home to Burke County again, afterwards volunteered several times to go after the Tories but was not out very long at a time perhaps not more than 5 or 6 weeks at a time some times maybe not so long as that but cannot say how often or how long at a time – He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Porter, Clerk

S/ Samuel Steele



[Isaiah Reed, Elisha Headler & Caleb Headler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

See also my papers
P. Reed
Elisha Hedlie
Caleb Hedlie]

Questions by the Court

Where and in what year was you born –

Ans. – I was born in the State of Pennsylvania the County I cannot recollect as I was a small boy when my father left Pennsylvania and the best account that I have of my birth says I was born on the first day of January 1762.

Q 2nd – have you any record of your age if so where is it

Ans. – I have no record of my age

Q 3rd where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war where are you living now

Ans I was living in the State of North Carolina Burke County when called into service and continued to live there until the 1810 then moved to the State of Tennessee Giles County lived there nearly 6 years then moved to Maury County Tennessee where I now live

Q 4th – how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ans. I volunteered every time I went out I was not drafted neither did I substitute

Q. 5th – State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where [you] served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your service

Ans. I have forgotten nearly all the officers names except the Captain's name that I have served under they were Robert Holmes and John vickerstaff the first tour was principally to help guard Charlestown the others after Tories

Q. 6 Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom and what has become of it

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Ans. I did receive some discharges but they are all lost or destroyed and I cannot tell from whom I did receive them whether it was from my Captain or some other officer.

Q. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your Character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. Various Captain Nathaniel Smith, John F Carr, Colonel Williamson Smith, Breason Huggins, Matthew Moor Esquire, Isaiah Reed, Elisha Hedlie & Caleb Hedlie

[fn p. 8: on July 3rd, 1841 in Green County, Missouri, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Missouri agency stating that he had moved there with the intention of remaining to be with most of his children having removed from Tennessee to Missouri.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina infantry & cavalry in the militia service.]