

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Peebles (Poobles)¹ W13801

Lucy f65VA

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: Circuit Court for said County November term A.D. 1841
On this the eighth day of November A.D. 1841 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Maney [?] Judge of the 6th Judicial Circuit in the State of Tennessee (at the town of Franklin for the said County of Williamson) Thomas Peebles of the said County of Williamson in the State of Tennessee aged eighty 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 seventh A.D. 1832 = That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for a Tour of four months and a Company of Infantry in the Virginia troops, under the command of a Captain by the name of George Rieves [George Reeves?]. The declarant then lived in the County of Sussex in the State of Virginia; and he entered the service as a volunteer, as above stated sometime in the year 1779 as well as he can now recollect: the precise month and the precise day of the month he is now unable at this distance of time to remember or state, The Lieutenant of this company as the declarant believes was Thomas Rieves [Thomas Reeves?] – This Company mustered into service, at Sussex Court house and marched thence to a place called Smithfield – (near Williamsburg) and there joined a body of troops under the command of Colonel Haskins [possibly Edward or Thomas Haskins] – from thence they marched to Williamsburg, and from that place to Little York, and then returned to Williamsburg where he remained until his first term of service expired. On the expiration of his first term of service, he again entered the Army immediately without returning home having, in the meantime, been drafted for a tour of three months. The Captain of the Company into which he was so drafted was named Nathaniel Danor [?], and the same man Colonel Haskins, had the command of the troops with which this Company acted, During this three months Service, the declarant was quartered with his Company at Williamsburg, and marched from thence and back again over the Country in various directions to Little York, Smithfield and other places, when the three months Term of service expired, his company was discharged from the Service at Williamsburg, and he returned home. The declarant further states that he remained at home for some time, in the service of & man named William Harrison, as an overseer who being drafted and unable to turn out, the declarant went as a substitute in his place for another tour of three months. The Captain of the company into which he then entered was named Richard Harwell (or Harvil) – This Company mustered into Service at Sussex Court House, and marched thence to Suffolk – and from that place to Portsmouth and, thence to Norfolk – and from Norfolk to Petersburg, where they arrived a little before the battle [April 25, 1781] at that place, and were encamped on

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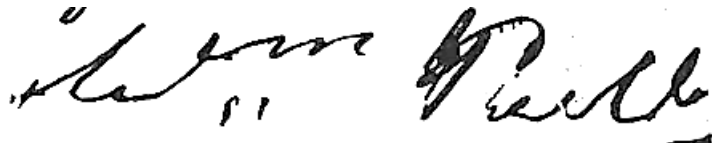
Pocahontas [?]². This declarant was present at the battle which took place in Petersburg within a few hours after his arrival there, The troops then in Petersburg were under the command of General Muhlenberg, and the company of this declarant, was under the command of Richard Harwel, in that battle the declarant believes the name of the Colonel under whose immediate command his company acted was Blount, the American forces retreating, crossed the Appomattox River at Suckeyho [?]³ ferry, near the Cal pits [coal pits?], above Petersburg, And from thence to the City of Richmond; from Richmond we went to Bottoms Bridge – where we were reinforced and the British there gave up the pursuit and returned to Petersburg – From Bottoms Bridge we returned to Norfolk, and from thence to Little York – where we arrived a short time after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – and within a few days after we were discharged from the Service. The declarant is unable to state the precise month and the day of the month when he entered the service this last time, or when he was discharged. The declarant further states that he got written discharges, from the service on each of the above stated tours; but that he has long since lost them and he has now no documents to prove his services, the declarant further states, that the only person whom he knows, that can prove his said services, or any part of them, is the William Peebles whose statement accompanies this declaration. And 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 any State with the agency of any State. He further states that he is now a resident of the County of Williamson aforesaid and has resided in said County about eleven years, having moved here from Virginia.

S/ Thomas Peebles



[Benjamin J Weakley, a clergyman, and Monroe Short gave the standard supporting affidavit.] And I William Peebles hereby certify that I am a younger brother of the said Thomas Peebles, and lived at home with him in Sussex County in the State of Virginia when he first left home to into the service in the Revolutionary War and distinctly recollect his leaving home for that purpose, and his being absent a considerable time in the Army as I then understood. I also lived at home with him when he left home the second time to enter the service, and distinctly recollect his leaving home for that purpose, and being absent – sometime in the service, as I then understood, And I further certify that I believe, the said Thomas Peebles did serve during the Revolutionary war at the several times, and for the several periods which he has stated in his above declaration.

S/ Wm Peebles



² Pocahontas
³ Suckeyho

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: Circuit Court for said County of Williamson March Term A.D. 1842 of said Court

On this 14th day of March A.D. 1842 personally appeared herein open Court before the Honorable Thomas Maney Judge of the 6th judicial circuit in the said State of Tennessee, holding the Circuit Court for the said County of Williamson at the town of Franklin in said County, Thomas Peebles, a citizen of said County of Williamson, and aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th A.D. 1832, supplementary to his original declaration for the same purpose aid in this court on the 8th day of November A.D. 1841. – That, as stated in his said original declaration, which is now referred to, he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for a tour of four months in a company of Infantry in the Virginia troops of Militia under the command of Captain named George Rieves, and that he served out in said company of Militia, and under the command of said George Rieves the whole of the said period, or tour of four months, for which he so volunteered. The declarant would further state that it is impossible for him at this great distance of time and at his present advanced age in the decayed state of his memory to give a more precise and detailed statement of the incidents and events of the first period of his service than is contained in his original declaration; and he would here refer to the same for statement thereof. When discharged from the service at the end of the first term of service at Williamsburg as stated in his original declaration he received a written discharge; but the same he has long since lost. The declarant would further state that he knows of no person by whom he can prove the term of service nor is he aware of any proof he can now adduce upon the subject other than the evidence of his brother William Peebles who lived with their father when he left time and when he returned and whose statement is appended to his original and to this supplemental declaration. The declarant having removed from Sussex County Virginia, where he resided when he entered the service, many years, and their living no one within his knowledge who was out with him. The declarant would further state that at the expiration of his first term of service, and while he was still at Williamsburg, of the militia troops drafted to take the place of the volunteers, with whom he was out having been drafted came there, and his draft number having been reached among them he immediately entered the service again as stated in his original declaration for a tour of three months; and that he served out the whole of the second tour or period of three months under the officers specified in his original declaration. He is now at his advanced age, and at this great distance of time, unable to give a more precise and detailed statement of the incidents and events of this second tour of service than is contained in his original declaration, to which he refers for a statement thereof, And he knows no person by whom he can prove his second term of service, nor anyone whose evidence he can adduce upon the subject other than his brother William Peebles, whose statement is appended to his original and to this supplemental declaration. The declarant would further state that he has not heretofore applied for the benefit of the pension law because until recently he was in a condition to live without the aid of his country and so long as that was the case he disliked to become a burden upon the country; but that he is now much advanced in age and much reduced in circumstances and needs the benefit of the law to sustain him during his few remaining years and therefore applies for it. And 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 any State or the agency of any State. The declarant further states that he is now a resident of the County of Williamson in the State of Tennessee and has been for about 11 years past, having removed there

from the State of Virginia.

S/ Thomas Peebles

[f p. 5: On January 11, 1854 in Franklin County Tennessee, Lucy Peebles, 63, a resident of Alison in the County of Franklin Tennessee made application for a widow's pension as the widow of Thomas Peebles, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him February 16, 1826 in Mecklenburg County Virginia; that her name prior to her marriage was Lucy Hutt; that her husband died in Williamson County Tennessee July 13, 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: In 1865, the widow applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefit stating that she is now 82 years of age and living in Franklin County Tennessee. In this application she states that she is living with a Mr. Faris, a stranger, and that she has nothing to subsist on except from the charity of the Country.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for six months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.