

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abel Peck (Peek, Peak) W1989

Lydia

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[f p. 13]

State of Tennessee Morgan County: On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before the worshipful Court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting for the County of Morgan aforesaid it being a court of record Abel Peck a resident citizen of the County of Morgan aforesaid aged about 72 years agreeable to best information and after being 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 the seventh June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, in Henry County Virginia the precise time not recollected but believed by him to be about two years before the end of the war, the precise time of the year not recollected but knows it was hot weather and thinks it was in August he entered said service under Captain James Shelton a volunteer militia to go against the Tories in North Carolina and the company all met [at] James Lyon's in Henry County Virginia and marched off under said Captain to a place in North Carolina to a place called the Hollows of the Blue Ridge on the waters of the Yadkin [River] and stationed there a month and scouted about in the surrounding Country was in no Battle no remarkable incidents happened was Honorable [honorably] discharged, and had a written discharge for a month's Tower [Tour] and returned home; and sometime thereafter it came to the Turn of Johathan Peck [Jonathan Peck] brother to this applicant who was drafted to serve a three months Tower and he not being a healthy man and having a family, applicant volunteered in his place and marched off from Henry County he left home on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October with orders to go [to] Hillsborough in North Carolina where we were to join headquarters had no Captain, was put under Captain Richardson at Hillsboro, where he was under General Stephens [Edward Stevens], and marched off with General Stephens and his forces and crossed the Yadkin at a place called the Trading Ford and went through Sallisbury [Salisbury] and went on down into the South State and took up winter quarters at Cheraw Hills, and about the last days of February went on Pedee [River] and crossed the Yadkin again on our return at the same place we crossed where we went, and from a place near the Yadkin applicant was put to guard about 50 or 60 prisoners to Pittsylvania old Court house, that had been taken by some forces at some place not known to this applicant he states that during this Tower he was put under Colonel Glenn and Major Stublefield [Stubblefield], applicant was discharged by a certain man called Captain Threadgill, at Pittsylvania old Court house: said Theadgill [sic] and the Captain he was under lived in some other part, and applicant thinks they lived in the State of Maryland, Applicant had a written discharge from said Threadgill was discharged in the month of March having served two months longer than his Tour for which he started and sometime thereafter he was called on to serve a three months Tower this was the first and only Tower applicant was called on to serve a Tower of his own he marched off from Henry County Virginia



he was called to serve a Tour of his own, he having first volunteered, secondly gratuitously substituted in place of his said brother, he states that at the time arranging his original Declaration he could not with reasonable Trouble procure the testimony of a clergyman to depose for him there being none anywhere within his vicinity and is still out of his power for the same cause, he states that he has no doubt he can prove a good character for veracity by Levi Taewhitt, Esquire Colonel William Staples, Thomas Jack Esquire Postmaster of his said County, and by all his respectable acquaintances of Morgan County where he lives, and by Colonel James Standifer<sup>1</sup> the member to Congress from his district he being well acquainted with him a great many years, and he believes that all his intimate acquaintance not only believe him to be a man of Veracity but that they all believe him to be a soldier of the revolutionary war.

S/ Abel Peck, X his mark

[f p. 8: On the March 12, 1853 in Scott County Tennessee, Lydia Peake [sic], widow of Abel Peck, who died February 4, 1852 in Morgan County Tennessee made application for the benefit of the laws of Congress as the widow of a revolutionary war veteran; she states that her name prior to her marriage was Lydia Jones; that she was married in Franklin County Virginia in the month of May the exact date she cannot state; that her first child was born about 10 months after she was married and that her first child died at her next was born between 18 & 20 months from the time she was married; that her name is Elizabeth Edens and that she is 56 years of age; that she had 17 living children & two born the dead; that her youngest son [Louis] and child is now going on 35 years of age and lives in Scott County Tennessee; that she and her husband were married by Randolph Hall a Baptist preacher; that she and her husband had eight children when they moved to Anderson County Tennessee and lived there six years, then moved to the place where she now lives and has lived ever since; that she has no record of her age or the ages of her children but that she did have such a record in a book which she kept for many years that her sister took off with her and is now out of her reach; that to the best of her calculations she was married in 1794 or 1795. Her application was signed by her using her mark and is written "Lydia Peck."]

[f p. 7: copy of a list of marriages in the year 1794 in Franklin County Virginia indicating that Abel Peck and Lydia Jones were married May 8, 1794.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a private for nine months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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<sup>1</sup> STANDIFER, James Israel, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Virginia, probably in 1782; attended the common schools and was graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; elected as a Jackson Republican to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first through Twenty-third Congresses, reelected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-fourth Congress, and elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth Congress and served from March 4, 1829, until his death near Kingston, Tenn., August 20, 1837, while on his way to Washington, D.C.; interment in the Baptist Cemetery, Kingston, Tenn.  
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