

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Yeager W2043¹ Phebe fn40VA
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[fn p. 15]

State of Tennessee White County: to wit

On this ___day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County Solomon Yeager a resident of White County and State of Tennessee aged about seventy-three 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 1832. –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. – He volunteered at a very early age to go a three month tour against the British. He was and still is wholly illiterate and does not recollect the name of his Captain: but recollects this that the company was not a volunteer company – notwithstanding which he joined in that character. The Company to which he belonged was raised in Culpepper [Culpeper] County Virginia. But he was under the command of General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg], who is the only officer he can name with certainty, under whose command he was during this tour. The troops rendezvoused at Culpepper Court house and went to Bowling Green in Virginia – from thence to Bunker Hill and were furnished with arms – this was after the memorable battle of Bunker Hill – he was not in any battle. At the end of three months he came home – as well as he remembers this was about the year 1775. He resided in Culpepper County during the whole War. His second tour he recollects more distinctly. It was also for three months. He was drafted in Captain Bohannon's [probably Capt. Ambrose Bohannon] company. They rendezvoused at Culpepper Court house Virginia. From thence they went to Williamsburg where they were stationed for some time; how long he does not remember, this was at the period that General Lafayette and the French troops were stationed at Williamsburg. He has an indistinct recollection or believes he has of going from there to Germantown where they were stationed a short time. His third tour or term of service – he recollects distinctly except the names of his Captain and officers. This term was for three months – and the whole of it was consumed in guarding the "Hessian prisoners" in the County of Albemarle. He was stationed at Albemarle barracks, guarding prisoners both Hessians and British. This is his last tour of service. He was acquainted with Colonel Bluford [probably a mistaken reference to Colonel Abraham Buford], and Colonel Rucker [Lt. Col. Ephraim Rucker?] and Colonel Charles Burbank [?]-Bluford was afterwards a General – But which of them if either had the command at the Barracks, he is unable to say. – His recollection is so imperfect that he cannot be more specific as to the general circumstances of his service – he has mentioned the officers with whom he was acquainted. He

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has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service –

Answers to the questions propounded by the Court in pursuance to the directions of the War Department.

1. He was born in Culpepper County Virginia in November 1759. –

2. He has no record of his age. –

3. When called into service he lived in Culpepper County Virginia as above stated – he lived there 35 or 36 years from there he came to the County of White Tennessee where he now lives and has lived ever since. –

4. 5. He has stated all he remembers as to the manner of his being called into service – also the officers with whom he was acquainted. –

6. At the expiration of his tour when he went out under Captain Bohannon he received a discharge. This discharge he left with his Uncle Godfrey Yeager when he removed to Tennessee – for the purpose of drawing his pay – His uncle sent him the money but did not send the discharge. What has become of it he does not know. –

7. He states the names of the following persons in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, viz.: David Snodgrass Esquire, William Glenn, Jesse Lincoln, William C Brittain, Samuel Weaver and Reverend Andrew McBride. –

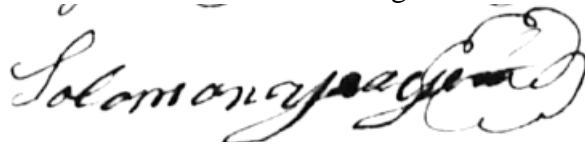
He has long been acquainted with the Honorable Jacob C Isaacs the representative in Congress from this District, who well at any time vouch for his character for truth and honesty. –

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the roll of any agency in any State. –

Sworn to in open Court 9th October 1832

S/ Jacob A. Lane, Clerk

S/ Solomon Yeager

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Solomon Yeager". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Solomon Yeager".

[Andrew McBride, a clergyman, and Samuel Weaver gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On February 21, 1853 in White County Tennessee, Phebe Yeager, 55, made application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Samuel Yeager, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that her husband died in white County Tennessee October 27, 1851; that she married him December 14, 1848 [last digit written over and not clear]; that her name prior to her marriage was Phebe Hamblin.]

[fn p. 30: copy of a marriage license dated December 14, 1848 issued for the marriage of Solomon Yeager to "Pheby Hamlin."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]