

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Muse W21830

Elizabeth Muse

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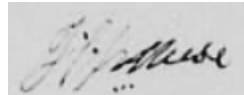
State of South Carolina Fairfield District } SS

On this twenty second day of October in the year while Lord 1849 personally appeared in open Court before JS Stewart Judge of the Court of Ordinary in and for the District of Fairfield in the State aforesaid now sitting Humphrey P. Muse a resident of the District of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina aged 78 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That he is the son and heir at law of his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Muse deceased who was the widow of Captain Thomas Muse deceased who died June 1st 1828 at the age of 86 years: That said Thomas Muse first entered the American service in the War of the Revolution as a Lieutenant of Infantry in the militia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwyn about the beginning of the year 1778: That this deponent was then a lad 7 or 8 years old and well remembers his father's going out into said service: -- That in this first tour as this Deponent recollects his father the aforesaid Thomas Muse was out about 3 months before he returned home. That he immediately went out again in the service in the same capacity in May 1778 under Colonel Robert Goodwyn & General Andrew Williamson in this tour of duty the Regiment was marched to the southward on what was called the Florida Expedition and when near the St. Mary's River the Captain of the Company in which said Lieutenant Thomas Muse was an Officer deserted and said Lieutenant Muse appointed to the Captaincy in place of Graves who had deserted. On this tour said Captain Muse was out 3 months. That after returning from said expedition he was again in the militia under Colonel Robert Goodwyn from December 1778 till the summer of 1779 about 7 months either as Lieutenant or Captain. That during this tour of militia in which said Thomas Muse was an Officer at Purrysburg & Stono in South Carolina in 1779. That during the 2nd or 3rd tour of duty by said Lieutenant Thomas Muse he was attacked with the mumps at a place called Dorchester in South Carolina and General Andrew Williamson having written to the mother of this Deponent the aforesaid Elizabeth Muse deceased, wife of said Thomas Muse deceased, she repaired to the camp to attend her said husband and when said Muse was sufficiently recovered she brought him home on a horse litter, as this Deponent distinctly recollects: That at one time during the war General Williamson of the South Carolina militia and camped near his father's the aforesaid Thomas Muse and at that time he the said Muse was an Officer in said Militia. This the Deponent distinctly recollects: That he was promoted to a captaincy which Office he continued to fill to this Deponent's own knowledge in various tours of duty for 3 years or more and until the

close of the war. That in the fall of 1780 his father the aforesaid Muse was at the battle of Rocky Mount near where he then lived. That during & since the war said Captain Muse & his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Muse lived in what is now Fairfield District South Carolina near where this Deponent lives & said parties died in said District: That said Captain Muse died in 1829 and his old papers & old Continental money were burned as worthless: -- That his mother the aforesaid Elizabeth Muse married said Thomas Muse on the 25th day of February in the year 1769 as appears on the family Record and that the Deponent's age is recorded as having taken place the 13th day of November 1770: That his mother the aforesaid Elizabeth Captain Muse deceased after the death of her said husband Captain Thomas Muse remained a widow until the day of her death which occurred July the 29th day A.D. 1836. That she never applied for the pension due her as such widow: That his father's commission & other Army papers were destroyed with other old papers considered as useless after said Muse's death. All of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written Before me

S/ J. S. Stewart, Judge of the Court of Ordinary

S/ H. P. Muse



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State of South Carolina District of Richland: I James S. Guignard Judge of the Court of ordinary within and for the District aforesaid do hereby certify that the following are true copies of a family Record, which has been produced in open Court, before me and by satisfactory evidence proved to be that of the late Thomas Muse deceased of Fairfield District and that the original entries of which the following are true copies are in the handwriting of the said Thomas Muse deceased, viz.

"Thomas Muse was born March 15th 1748

Elizabeth Muse wife of Thomas Muse was born November 9th 1752

Thomas Muse and Elizabeth his wife were married February 25th 1769.

And I further certify the following is a true copy of original entries in said family record and proved to be in the handwriting of H. P. Muse, viz,

"Thomas Muse Senior deceased 1st June 1828 aged for score & 6 years 2 months & 15 days Elizabeth Muse wife of Thomas Muse deceased she departed this life on the 29th day of July 1836 for score & 6 years and 8 months." --

And I further certify that in proof before me that the said Elizabeth Muse remained a widow till her death at the date above stated, and that her said husband Thomas Muse deceased was reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office at Columbia South Carolina on this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord 1850.

S/ James S. Guignard, Judge Court of Ordinary

[p 10-12: in addition to the above extract from the family record, the records show:

Marriages

Thos Muse and Elizabeth his wife was Married Febr
25th 1769

H. P. Mus married ?? 1826 Sarah Stanton

Keturah Muse was married off to James Keith 1844

~~Sarah E. Kieth was born the 28th November 1847 [could be 1844]~~

Wm Muse and Nancy J Gunnell was married December the 24th AD 1847

Births:

Thos Muse was Born March 15th 1748

Elizabeth Muse wife of Thos Muse was born November 9th 1752

H P Mus was born 13th November in seventy 17 [last two digits covered by ink blot]

Keturah Elizabeth Muse Daughter of Sarah Muse was borned March the 30th 1822 [last two digits unclear]

Keturah Elizabeth Muse daughter of Sarah Muse was borned March the 30th 1822nd

Hummphy P. Muse was born November the 18th 1770

Sarah Stanton daughter of John & Eliza Stanton was born January [?] 12th [?] 1777 [could be 1797]

Durham L. Cloud [?] was born July 25 1827

Sarah Stanton was born January the 1st 1797 [could be 1777]

Elizabeth Muse Began the office of Midwife in the year 1782 and followed up to this day which is the first day of March 1828 and has delivered infants into the world ---1827

Sarah E. Keith was born the 28 November 1844

Ezra William Muse was born Jan. the 22nd 1825

Nancy Jane Gunnell daughter of Wm & Susanah his wife was born March the 11th 1829

Deaths

Thomas Muse Senior deceased 1st June 1829 age four Score & six years two monts & 15 days

Elisabeth Muse wife of Thomas Muse deceased she departed this on the 29th of July 1836 four score & six years and eight months.

Ezra W. Muse Son of Humphrey P. Muse and Sarah his wife was Born January 22nd AD 1824 [last digit unclear]

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South Carolina Fairfield District

But this is to certify that my Father Thomas Muse Senior served in the war of 1776 acted as Lieutenant under Captain William Graves who was commanded by Colonel Taylor for 3 years and when General Greene came from the North, he was under and marched into Georgia, when Captain Graves left the command of Captain General Williamson appointed him the said Thomas Muse Captain in Graves place, and he held that commission and served during the war which was 4 years, August the 14th 1857

Witness: S/ John A. Crumpton, Magt.

S/ H. P. Muse

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The following all the battles and engagements that my Father Thomas Muse was in during the Revolution war, Under the command of Colonel Williamson versus the Indians, he being a private under the above named officer and about the year 1760 in a war with the Cherokee Indians in South Carolina.

My father was in a detachment under General Morgan marched on the 20th of December 1780 to the Western part of South Carolina, Hicks Creek North side of Pedee, opposite Cheraw Hill and in the Battle fought between Morgan and Cornwallis -- He was in the battle of Cowpens on the

17th January 1781.

14 May 1781 -- my Father was at the battle of Ninety Six under Greene and Morgan

He was at Orangeburg and Dorchester

He was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs at Stono, Purrysburg, Gibbonns' [?] Church

My father Thomas Muse was Captain four years in that war.

South Carolina Fairfield District: Personally appeared before me the H P Muse and made oath that the above statement is correct as taken from history and that his Father served 4 years in the Revolutionary war as Captain under Taylor, Williams, Greene and Morgan and deponent further states that he is Father was at the battle at Rocky Now as he has been proved by affidavit of Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Rush which are there.

S/ H. P. Muse

Sworn to before me April 19th 1856

S/ John A. Crumpton, Magistrate

[pp 63-65: document which purports to be a true copy of a pay bill of Col. Robert Goodwyn's

Col. Goodwyn's Pay Bill		£739:2.6
Capt. Joel Adams		962.5
John Cocker		611.2.6
William Howell		1746.12.6
Brown Ross		558.6
John Taylor 2 Bills		1011.7.6
Joel McLemores		874.17.6
Lieut. Thomas Muse		917.12.6
Reeves	433.15	
Thomsons	397.5	813
John Murfs accot		556
Peter Klines do		660
Andrew Kughler		957
John George Shlappy		602
Benj. Averite		516
Martin Weighter		598
Jacob Reseters		486
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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of one of the Pay Bills found among the "Papers of Colonel Goodwyn during the Revolutionary War" who was my ancestor and whose papers have for years past remained in my possession.

S/ T. J. Goodwyn

Doct. T. J. Goodwyn, whose signature appears above, is well known to me & is a gentleman of high character & unimpeachable veracity.

S/ D. Wallace, Jany. 1850

[Veteran's widow was granted a posthumous pension at the rate of \$253.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 and ending with her death on July 29, 1836. The amount of her pension was based on her husband service as a Lieutenant 19 months in the South Carolina militia.]