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Pension Application of Thomas Overstreet W26604 Fanny Overstreet VA
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State of Virginia }
Bedford County }

On the 29th day of October 1833. personally appeared in open court before the county court of Bedford now sitting, Thomas Overstreet, a resident of Russell parish in the county & state aforesaid, aged 89 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 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in the fall, probably in September, he cannot recollect the day, 1777, he volunteered into the service of the United States in Bedford County Virginia, where he resided under, Capt. Samuel Campbell, Lieut. John Phelps to march against the Indians who were said at that time to be collected together in the western part of Virginia. His company rendezvoused at Bedford Court house and marched from thence thro' Botetourt to a place called Benbever's Fort on Greenbrier River in Greenbrier County [possibly Greenbrier Fort built by Capt. Peter Van Bibber on Greenbrier River near present Lowell now in Greenbrier County WV], a distance of about 130 miles where they remained stationed one month – in expectation of the Indians, but not meeting with them, we were then marched to a mill in same county, where we were stationed about ten months, still looking out for the Indians, but they did not make their appearance. He was discharged by Capt. Campbell some time in December 1777, but received no written discharge. There were no regular officers with the troops nor any continental regiments or companies with the troops during this tour. He was engaged in this tour three months – no other troops of any kind along but his company & no field officers.

Again in the winter of 1777, he thinks the last of December, but he cannot recollect the day, he volunteered into the service of the United States in Bedford County Va. where he then lived, under Capt. William Leftwich, Lieut. Jno Phelps to march against the Indians, who were said to be still collected in the western counties of Virginia. His company rendezvoused at Anthony's Store in Bedford County & march from thence thro' Botetourt to the lead mines [near Fort Chiswell] on New River in Wythe County Va. They were stationed at this place five weeks & were engaged in building a Fort, & for the purpose of protecting the country against the Indians, but no Indians making their appearance, and the people becoming pacified, they were discharged by Capt. Leftwich, but received no written discharge. He was engaged in this tour five weeks. There were no regular officers, nor any continental regiments, or companies with the troops – no field officers. the troops consisting of his company alone. He was discharged at the expiration of his tour by Capt. Leftwich.

In the month of October, he cannot recollect the day, 1779, he again volunteered into the service of the United States, in Bedford County Va. under Capt. Jacob Earley [sic: Jacob Early] of the Virginia Militia, for three months. His company rendezvoused at Maj. [John] Ward's in Bedford county Va, now Campbell, and marched from thence thro' Charlotte, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Powhatan, & Chesterfield counties to Petersburg, where he joined the army commanded by Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson. His field officers were Col. Charles Lynch, Maj. Leftwich, the latter of whom, (Major Leftwich) is the same officer he marched under as captain to the lead mines. He was stationed about half mile from Petersburg during the whole time. Of the regular officers he recollects Gen'l. Lawson, Baron [von] Steuben, Col. [John] Holcombe. He was discharged in December 1779 by Col. Lynch but received no written discharge. He refers to the affidavit of Maj. Samuel Mitchell [W3851] who served with him this tour to prove his services.

In the two first tours mentioned above, there was but one company of any kind in the service. He served not less that the periods mentioned below, to wit: the first tour three months – The second tour, five weeks – & the third tour three months – for which he claims a pension. He has no documentary

evidence of any of his services. He refers to the affidavits of Maj. Sam'l. Mitchell & John Turner. Mr. Turner cannot recollect the time in which he served the two first first tours—

In answer to interrogatories he states:

- 1 – He was born in Orange County Va – he believes the 15 Oct 1744.
- 2 – He never had any register of his age.
- 3 – He lived in Bedford County Va. when he entered the service each time – & has lived there ever since the revolution – now resides there
- 4 – He entered the service each time as a volunteer.
- 5 & 6 – He answered to the best of his recollection in his declaration.
- 7 – William Leftwich & Samuel Mitchell are persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity, & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of the agency of any state.

Thomas Overstreet

State of Virginia }
Bedford County } SS

I John Turner of Bedford County Virginia, a soldier of the revolution, aged 74 years, do hereby certify that Thomas Overstreet served a tour under Capt Campbell in the United States service in Greenbriar County Va. against the Indians, with this affiant. They marched together, but this affiant got crippled before the tour expired & returned home – how long Overstreet served this tour he cannot say. This affiant cannot recollect the year in which this service was performed. This affiant also served another tour with said Overstreet at the lead mines in Virginia, but in what year he cannot recollect. The tour was five weeks long – under Capt William Leftwich. He went & returned with s'd Overstreet.

John Turner

NOTE: On 11 March 1854 Fanny Overstreet, 85, applied for a pension stating that as Fanny Roberts she was married in Bedford County by James Scott, a Methodist preacher, to Thomas Overstreet on 25 Nov 1826, and her husband died in April 1842. Mary A. Roberts, about 35, and Poly Mitchel, 50, stated that they had been present at the marriage.