

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Street W6164 Letitia Street VA
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Virginia, to wit;

On this 23rd day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting, David Street a resident of Halifax County and State aforesaid aged Seventy eight 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 7th 1832, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of February 1776 in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia for two years with Captain Henry Terril, John Loggins first Lieut., Thomas McReynolds 2nd lieut, and Reuben Watkins Ensign. On the 26th of March 1776. we left Holt's Store in the said County of Bedford and marched direct to Williamsburg Virginia, where we joined the 5th Virginia Regiment under the command of Major [blank] and Colo [Charles] Scott in Gen'l. Stephens [Adam Stephen's] brigade and remained with him at different places in Virginia Maryland and Pennsylvania, until some time in October 1776 we joined General Washington's Army at New York and was in a battle at Trenton the 26th December, in another battle at Trenton the 2nd of January 1777 [Assunpink Bridge]. another at Princeton [3 Jan 1777]. we were still under the command of Gen'l. Stephens. Col. Scott and Josiah Parker commanded. we were marching in various directions until the 10th of June 1777. I was then attached to Colo. Daniel Morgans Rifle Corps was with him in the battles of Somerset Court Court [sic: Somerset Courthouse in NJ, 20 Jan 1777], Piscataway swamps in New Jersey [8 Mar 1777], went with him to Albany, was in a battle at Stillwater [Freeman's Farm] on the north River the 19th of September, another battle on the 7th of October [Bemis Heights], was at the surrender of Burgoine [sic: Gen. Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777], had a battle in the woods in New Jersey & the next morning had another engagement near Philadelphia, another at the white marsh in the State of Pennsylvania [sic: Whitemarsh, 6 Dec 1777]. I still continued with him until the 14th of February 1778 when my time of enlistment expired and I was discharged at the Valley Forge by Colo. William Russell, that identical discharge is now in my possession and herewith presented to the Court.

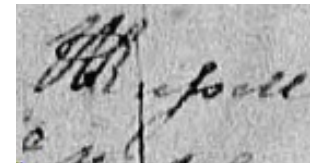
I was born in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia the 24th of November 1754.

I resided in the County of Halifax when I entered the service of the Revolution. I lived in the said County when the war ended and have lived in that County ever since. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

David Street

Camp Valley forge february th14 1778

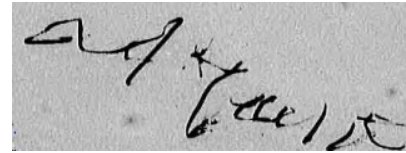
David Street a Soldier in the [?]th Virginia Regment and detached with Col. Morgan haveing served two years from the Date of his inlistment as A good & faithfull Soldier is hereby Discharged from the servis with a blanket being[?] his own property
W Russell Colo. Comm'dt.
Gen'l [Peter] Muhlenberg's Brigade



Halifax county in the State of Virginia.

this day Anthony Hart [pension application S5494] personally appeared before me Daniel Nunnelee a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, and after being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty god deposeth and saith, that he was a Revolutionary soldier, and he holds pension papers dated the 13th day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, and while he was in the service of

his country, he was well acquainted with David Street, who was a private soldier in Colonel Morgans corps of riflemen, and that he was with him in the battles Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and that he is verry confident that David Street was in actual service two years, and that he has been well acquainted with David Street in the county of Halifax for about thirty years in which county he has all that time resided, until his death, which took place some time in the year of eighteen hundred and forty three, and that he left a widow Letisia Street, who he believes is yet living. And farther this deponent saith not. This 7th day of March 1844.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Street', written in a cursive style on a light-colored background.

[On 12 July 1843 Letitia Street, 80, applied for a pension under the act of 7 July 1838. The second application that follows is more detailed.]

The Declaration of Letitia Street in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to Certain widows – State of Virginia, Halifax County on this 22nd day of April 1844 personally appeared before the County court of Halifax which Court is a Court of record Letitia Street a resident of Halifax County in the State of Virginia aged eighty one years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of David Street who was a resident of Halifax County Virginia and held a Certificate of pension at the time of his death under the law of Congress approved the 7th day of June 1832 and dated the 8th day of December 1832 and signed Lew Cass Secretary of war and recorded in Book D Vol 7 page 127 Letitia Street further states that according to a statement left by David Street her husband in his own hand writing he was a private soldier the two years which he served in the Army and was a resident of Halifax County Virginia but enlisted under Captain Henry Terrell of Bedford County Virginia in February 1776 for two years or during the war and marched to Williamsburg in the Spring of the year 1776 there joined the fifth Virginia Regiment and marched to James town from thence to Portsmouth and to Norfolk in September marched to Little York [Yorktown] there took shiping and went by Baltimore into the State of Maryland and was in the battle at Brandywine and was one of Colo. Morgan’s rifle men and was in the battle at Germantown also in a battle at Trenton, and many other battles and skirmishes and was in most all the North States and got his discharge near the town of Philadelphia in the month of February 1778 Letitia Street further declares that she was married to the said David Street on the 9th day of June 1779 that her husband the aforesaid David Street died on the 21st day of March 1843 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January seventeen hundred ninety four Viz at the time above states, and has never married since his death but remaining his widow till this day

Letitia herXmark Street

NOTES:

On 3 June 1843 George Estes, pension application S18394, certified the marriage of David and Letitia Street. On 30 Aug 1843 Anne Broomfield, 83, stated that David and Letitia Street were married in Bedford County by Parson Gordon, an Episcopalian.

On 7 April 1844 Sarah Street, 42, certified that the family record transcribed below was written by her father, David Street, in a Bible printed in 1786. She also stated that “there was others of the childrens ages set down in another part of the same Bible but the leaf is nearly worn out, the dates of such births has been set down in another book but is not in David Streets hand writing.” On 16 April 1844 John Phelps, 78, stated that he knew the following sons and their ages: Bailey Street “upwards of sixty years of age,” Paul Street nearly 60, Hezekiah Street about 55, and Meshack Street “upwards of Fifty years of age.” He also listed the following daughters: Frances Street, who he thought was the

second child, Milcah Street, Letitia Street, Patience Street, Sarah Street, and Rhoda Street, the youngest child, thought to be nearly 40.

On 19 June 1844 Letitia Street was issued a pension certificate under the act of 3 March 1843, but payment appears to have been suspended as a result of an act of Congress on 30 April 1844 stating that a widow could not collect a pension at the same time her husband was entitled to one. This act was reversed by a Congressional resolution on 23 Jan 1845. On 16 July 1845 Letitia Street was issued a new pension certificate, which was sent to Paul Street. These events are relevant to the following letter by Paul Street.

Halifax County State of virginia, May the 2^d 1845

Mr J L Edwards Commissioner of Pensions, or genteelmen of the war department of the united States of america

Sirs this is to inform you that I am a son of David Street who was a Soldier of the Revelution and held a Certificate of Pension under the law of Congress past 1832 at Eighty dollars per annum. David Street died on the 21th day of march 1843 leaving 2 years and 17 days pension not Drawn after he was so fare gone that he Could not speak to be understood, he gaind his Strenght so he appeard to be in his proper Senceis, recovered his Speech Cald me to him and in the most Sollem manner Requested of me that I should Collect all the pension money which was dew him and pay it over to Letisia Street his widow and if Congress had past or should pass any law giving my mother Letisia Street a Pension that I would get it for her without Chargeing her for it, Stating at the time that if I did not the Swindlers would Cheat her out of part or all of it I promised him if life and ability lasted I woud do all he had Requested and take Care of my mother as long as She lived, Soon after the death of my farther I heard of a man Comeing to my mothers with all the flattery he was master of who said his name was Bagba [possibly Robert B. Bagby; see below] his given name I have forgotten, insisting that she should give up all Pension Claims to him that he would soon get as much money for her as she would Ever need, and a plenty to pay him self, as he lived in king and queen County and was a great part of his time in washington City and as to my self he knew I never Could get any thing for a man that was only a farmer Could not get a Pension Sertificate. and that our son is geting testimony which woud not do any good as there was none nessary. if she would give all up to him, So this man Bagby has been Comeing and sending to my mother Ever since a few days after my farther's death and she would ask him to Come and see me about the matter as I Requested her not to let her Claim of without I was present it is about 11 Miles from my house to my mothers, and I heard of Bagby within a mile of my house hunting of Claimes Still he has never Come neither have I ever seen him to know him, but some time in the last month April there has been a man who Calls his name Asa lyon who went to Letisia Street. She old and infirm tells her that he was an agent for bagby and he wished to get the Claim She was entitled to under the law of Congress 1838 that your Son Paul Street tryd to get for her but Could not and he never Could get a certificate of Pension for her as it had ben disalowed to him, but bagby was a great man and Could and did get thousands whare no other person Could So She had as well let bagby have the Claim and if he got nothing she should pay nothing but they would pay all the Exspence of the Suit and if they Recovered four Hundred dollars they would pay her Two hundred and would not Charge her but 2 hundred for their Trouble now the way those men are acting I have not a right a right to belive that if they get hold of money of Letisia Street that they will pay her anything, as they say bagby lives in king and queen County Asa lyon in mathews County on the Sea Shore as he says so, I know not when he told the truth as he told so many diferent tales, asa lyon Come to my house of the 26th of April after dark wished to stay with me soon told me that he had purchesed my mothers pension Claim for mr bagby, I told him I was sorry for that, he said he had made a binding contract with the old lady in writeing I ast who is the witness he said he witnessed it that he was doing bisness for Bagby there after told me he was part of the profits with him. I told him he Could not Ref[c]over penson under the law 1838 without there was a provision in the law of Congress last Scesion [see note below] if there was I Could get for my mother a Certificate, there was no late law he said but they Could get it

on monday the 28th April as a lyon went to my mothers to get her declaration it hapened the magistrate went at the time I did. I discovered when he red the declaration to my mother that she is Claiming under the law or Resolution of Congress past january 1845 that she should Receive as her Declaration was filed before Congress decided that no widow should draw over the same time there husband had Drawn, now lyon said I you you told me there was no late law, he answered it is not a law but Resolution I Trust if letisia Street is entitled to any Certificate of Pension more than what she has receivd, that you will sent it to my self or to my mother of James S Eesley Halifax Courthouse virginia so she may get it her self and pay those men wat is rite be so good as to send me a Cobby of the law or Resolution past January 1845 and you will much oblige yours Paul Street”

On 6 Sep 1845 Jane Soyars, widow of James Soyars (pension application W6140), charged that her pension agent, Robert B. Bagby of King and Queen County had illegally withheld her entire pension instead of the half agreed upon.

On 28 April 1845 and on 2 June 1855 Letitia Street applied for the additional pension provided by that resolution.

David Street son of Joseph and Jean Street was born in November 24th the year 1754

Letitia Bailey born Daughter of James Bailey was born october 7th Day in the year 1763

Bailey Street Son of David Street was born September 30th in 1780

frances Street Daughter of David Street was Born 28th october in the year of our Lord and Sav[io]r

paul Street was born the year of our Lord 1785 January 16th

Milcah Street was Born the 17 Day of May in the year 1787

Hezekiah Street Son of David Street born 13th Day November in the year of our Lord 1789

Meshach Street Son of David Street and Lettisha Was born the 22 Day of April in the year of our Lord 1792