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Pension Application of William Steel W6196

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State of North Carolina

Orange County

Personally appeared before me Frederick Nash one of the Judges of the Sup'r. Courts of Law & Equity in & for the State aforesaid William Steel who being duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God deposeseth & sayeth that in the year 1778 he enlisted in the Army of the United States as a common soldier, in the company commanded by Thos Donoho [Thomas Donoho, pension application W9838] of the 4th Regiment of North Carolina continentals commanded by Colonel Thaxton [sic: James Thackston] – that he enlisted for the term of nine months & faithfully served out his time of service That he was duly discharged at Salisbury in said State – That he joined head quarters at Purysburg in South Carolina where Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln then lay with his army early in the year 1779 – That he has lost his discharge – That he was a corporal & acted in that capacity in the battles of Brier Creek [3 Mar 1779] & Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] – That he is in needy & reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country & that this declaration is made for the purpose of entitling himself to the benefit of the Act of Congress made for the relief of the soldiers of the Revolution

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 29th of February AD 1820

William hisXmark Steel

Caswell County } I Thomas Donoho do hereby certify that William Steel came in to the continental
North Carolina } service in the North Carolina line a bout the first of the year one Thousand Seven
Hundred and Seventy Eight and continued in the service untill the latter end of
the year Seventy nine and served as Corporal and served as a good and faithfull soldier during said time
and served part of his time under me (when he was discharged while I held the office of Capt. in the
service and afterward I was promoted to Major –

I have every reason to believe that he the said William Steel is a man in low circumstances and is entitled to the pension allowed by government.

Given under my hand this 22nd February AD 1820.

[signed] Tho Donoho

Amherst County to wit

on this 18th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court William Steel aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first day of May 1820 that he the said Steel in about the year 1779 at Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] Orange County North Carolina enlisted in the company of Capt Thomas Donaho and Regiment commanded by Col Archibald Little [sic: Archibald Lytle] for the term of 18 months in the line of the State of Virginia [sic: North Carolina] on continental establishment that he continued to serve in the same for about 2 years where he was discharged at Salisbury that he was in the Battles of Briar Creek & Stone Ore That he was wounded in the hand by the Cut of a broad sword which has deprived him of the use of a Thumb and finger That he has heretofore transmited a declaration to the War department bearing date 29th February 1820 and that he has received a pension certificate of the number of [blank] and bearing date the 11th day of March 1820 the first payment on which appears by the endorsement to be made on the 4th September 1820 – And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and

naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I do further declare I am of the Occupation of a farmer that I am unable from the feebleness & frailty of old age to pursue it except in a very partial & limited way. That my family consists of a wife 45 years of age & two daughters Juanna of 7 years & Molly of 5 years of age all of whom are incapable contributing unless in a very slight degree to their support

William hisXmark Steel

Schedule of the property of the within William Steel

2 chests one dollar each	\$2
4 hoes 50 cents each	2
2 axes	2
2 Tables	1-50
1 Footools[?]	50
1 Bolt & Cleve	34
1 Plow hoe	50
2 Drawing knives	25
1 Handsaw	25
2 head of hogs	5
1 Auger	25
1 Chisel	25
1 set of Teacup and saucers	75
2 keep hooks	25
1 Looking glass	10
1 Set knives and forks	75
2 Mugs	12 ½
1 Earthen plate	1
1 Earthen Dish	25
1 Iron pot & hooks	1 00
1 Dutch Oven & hooks	1 25
1 Four gallon pail	25
1 Thirty gallon Cask	25
1 Sifter & 1 churn	1 00
4 Chairs	<u>1 00</u>
	\$21 82

which is all the property possessed by the s'd William Steel

NOTES:

Steel applied to have his pension transferred from NC to Amherst County on 16 Nov 1820.

On 23 May 1853 Cerlia Steel, 80, of Cabell County VA (now WV), applied for a pension stating that she married William Steel on 29 Dec 1812, and he died on the 8th or 9th of Feb 1832. In an application for bounty land dated 3 Apr 1855 her age is still given as 80, and the date of her husband's death is stated as 8 Jan 1833. She added that she was married in Amherst County by John Davis, a Baptist minister, and that her name before the marriage was Cerlia Howard. In the file is a copy of a bond signed on 28 Dec 1812 by William Steel, widower, and Larkin Byass for the marriage of Steel to Cerlia Howard, widow.