

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Steed W6198

Phebe

f43VA

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State of Tennessee County of McMinn: SS

On this 5th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Thomas Steed a resident of said County and State, aged about 73 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He states he was born in the State of New Jersey but has no record of his age but according to the best information he can get he was born in the year 1759, he moved from New Jersey when very young to the State of Virginia Bedford County where I lived when the Revolutionary War commenced. I volunteered and went from the County aforesaid under Captain Leftridge [probably Capt. William Leftwich], and served two months to guard the lead mines [probably the lead mines at Fort Chiswell] on New River in the State of Virginia but do not recollect in what year. I next volunteered under Captain Bluford for four months and was at the treaty at the Long Island on Holston [River], according to the best of his recollection in the year 1776 after I returned home I moved from the State of Virginia to the State of North Carolina Wilkes County. I there volunteered under Captain Guess [possibly Capt. Joshua Guess, Giss or Guest or Capt. Moses Guess] for 3 months, after the Tories in the year 1779. I then volunteered under Captain Allen in the year 79 for three months and marched to Charleston South Carolina at which place he got a discharge but has lost the same. I was next called upon to guard the prisoners that was taken at the battle of Kings Mountain to the Moravian Towns in the year 1780 for 3 months. I was next called upon and served a Tower [tour] of 6 weeks under Captain Johnson in the year of '80 after the Tories. I was next called upon for 2 months and went under Colonel Isaacs and marched to deep River after Colonel Fannon [David Fanning] in the year 1781, besides a number of 2 or 3 week trips after the Tories, at a time. I then moved from Wilkes County North Carolina to the County of McMinn in the State of Tennessee where I now live.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the 5th day of September 1832

S/ Thomas Steed, X his mark

[Alfred King, a clergyman, and Benjamin Isbell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 15: On October 17, 1839 in McMinn County Tennessee, Phebe Steed, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Steed, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 17, 1779; that her husband died

March 1, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 6: family register:

Births

Thomas Steed was born the 20th of December 1759

Phebe Steed wife of Thomas Steed was born the 4th of May 1762

James Steed son of the above was born 24th of September 1780

Henry Steed was born the 3rd of December 1783

Justin Steed was born the 4th of September 1785

Thomas Steed was born the 10th of January 1788

Mary Steed was born the 20th of January 1791

Nancy Steed was born the 24th of August 1894

Deaths

Thomas Stead [sic] departed this life the 1 of March 1839

[f p. 5: two other births listed as follows:

Benjamin Steed was born February 4th 1816

Sally Vanderpool was born 22nd of January 1823]

[f p. 19: Copy of a marriage bond issued December 15, 1779 in Wilkes County North Carolina to Thomas Stead [sic], Abraham Demoss and Jesse Greer conditioned upon the marriage of Thomas Stead [sic] and Pheby Tucker.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.98 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months and 3 days in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in the amount of \$57 commencing March one, 1839.]