

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Steffey W7211                      Margaret Steffey                      VA [PA]  
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State of Virginia    }  
Wythe County        } ss.

On this fourteenth day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the county court of Wythe County now sitting Peter Steffey a resident of the said county of Wythe, it being a court of record having power to fine and imprison, aged seventy three years on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June last past, 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States while a resident of Fincastle County, Virginia, now Wythe County, in September 1776. as a volunteer under Capt. Isaac Bledsher [sic: Isaac Bledsoe], Lieut. Daniel Young, and Colo. Christie [William Christian], and served a term of three months, that he was marched from the place of his enlisting the [illegible word] to the Long Island of Holston [at present Kingsport TN], where there was a general rendezvous of all the troops, and from there to the Cherokee towns [Oct 1776], in the Cherokee nation, and remained there three weeks before he returned, he then returned to the Long Islands, and remained there until he was discharged which was some time in December 1776. by Capt. Bledshor, that he did not receive a written discharge. That he entered the service of the United States a second time, while a resident of Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania as a substitute for John Swygart in September 1779. he thinks, and served the term of three months under the following officers Capt. Palser Ort Major Shoufler Colo. Haverly from Lancaster that he was marched from the place aforesaid where he entered the service up the Susquehannah [sic: Susquehanna] river from Harrisess ferry [at present Harrisburg] to Sansbury [sic: Sunbury] on the Susquehannah, from there to Buffaloe Valey [sic: Buffalo Valley] where we were stationed about two months he was there guarding the Frontier which was greatly annoyed by the Indians, that he then returned to Sansbury and was there discharged by Capt. Palser Ort some time in December 1779 but received no written discharge. That he entered the service of the United States a third time while still a resident of the county of Lancaster County Pennsylvania in July 1781. as a substitute for Mathias Bager, and served the term of two months under the following named officers, Capt. David Crouse, & Colo. Hoverley, that he was marched from the said place where he entered the service as aforesaid from Lebanon to the town of Lancaster, also in the county of Lancaster, to guard the Brittish prisoners about fifteen in number stationed there, and was discharged in September 1781, by Capt. David Crouse, but received no written discharge. That he entered the service of the United States a fourth time, while still a resident of the county of Lancaster in Pennsylvania, as a drafted soldier about five days after his last return from duty, in September 1781. and served the term of two months, under the following named officers Capt. Staton, and Colo. Hoverley-, and was marched to the same place Lancaster and for the same purpose as last above mentioned, to guard the Brittish Prisoners as above stated, and was discharged, by Capt. Staton but received no written discharge, which was in November 1781 he thinks, that he never was in any battle in any of his terms of service aforesaid, that he has no documentary evidence to which he has access, nor any person by whom he can prove his service, that he can get, that he was born in the year 1759 the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June in Lancaster County Pennsylvania that he left the said place of his birth in the year 1776 he thinks in May and came to Fincastle Virginia (now Wythe County) and served the first tour as above stated, and then returned to Lancaster, and remained there about three years, and then returned to Wythe County Virginia where he has ever since and still resides. that he has no record of his age, that he knows of or can procure. that he is known to the following persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his services, and their belief of his services as a revolutionary services [sic] 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, or territory whatever,  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid                      Peter hisXmark Steffey

NOTES:

On 12 March 1853 Isaac Colvin assigned power of attorney to collect the pension that his father-in-law, Peter Steffey, had not collected. On 23 Feb 1856 Isaac Colvin stated that his father-in-law may have been named John Peter Steffey.

On 4 June 1855 Margaret Steffey, 65, applied for bounty land stating that her late husband Peter Steffey had served in the Revolutionary war under Col. Fletcher. She further stated that as Margaret Wyrick they were married by George Floor, a Lutheran minister, in Wythe County on 3 Dec 1819, and that her husband died on 13 Jan 1836. Her application was supported by Joseph Foglesong and John Wyrick. On 26 Sep 1856 Margaret Steffey, 68, applied for a pension, giving the date of marriage as 2 Dec 1819 and the date of Peter Steffey's death as 13 Jan 1837. A copy of the marriage record gives 2 Dec 1819 as the correct date. Hezekiah Sprinkle and John Wyrick certified her statement and added that she lived 25 miles from the county seat.

On 16 July 1866 Margaret Steffey, 76, of Bland County VA, applied for restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War, during which "her means of subsistence has been very limited." James Wyrick certified her identity. On 14 Nov 1868 Polly Wyrick certified that Margaret Steffey was still the widow of Peter Steffey.