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Pension Application of Thomas Overstreet W8498

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State of Kentucky

Jessamine County Sct.

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1837 personally appeared before the County Court of said County of Jessamine and State of Kentucky James Overstreet aged 42 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836; (for the heirs and representatives of his Mother Zillah Overstreet dec'd. who was the widow of his farther Thomas Overstreet dec'd.) That his farther the said Thomas Overstreet dec'd. in the year 1777 resided in Hanover County virginia. That the said Thomas Overstreet volunteered as a common soldier and listed in the service of the United States in the month of March (as he is informed and believes) for the term of one year under the Command of Capt. Anderson, and started from said County in said service and returned in March 1778. This service was performed in the Northern States about New York & Philadelphia; was in the battle of monmoth [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778] and that said Thomas was vaxinated whilst in this service for the Small-Pox. that said Thomas Overstreet in the year 1779 or 1780 entered and volunteered as a private soldier for the term of 18 months in the regular service (the affiant is unable to state the exact time or year he entered on the 18 month service or the officers under whom he entered but is informed and believes General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was one of the officers under whom the said Thomas served; that he started from said County of Hanover virginia for the Southern states, was in the battles at the Utaugh Spring [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], Siege at ninety Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] served Eighteen months and returned home but the exact period of his return this affiant is unable to state. That said Thomas was married on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1782 shortly after the expiration of his service; that he departed this life of Congestive fever on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1832 leaving the said Zillah Overstreet his widow; that she departed this life of dropsy on the 4th day of September 1836 leaving Jeny Hall & her husband John Hall, Charles Overstreet, Jerriah Harris & her husband James Harris, this affiant, Thomas Overstreet, & John Overstreet her children and heir; that said Charles Overstreet since the death of the said widow has also departed this life of Consumption leaving Nancy Overstreet his widow & Elizabeth West & her husband Wilson West, William Overstreet, Emaline Bruner & her husband Silas Bruner, Jane Overstreet, Monroe Overstreet, James Overstreet, Samuel Overstreet, and Mary Ann Overstreet, Purpatua [elsewhere spelled Perpetua] Overstreet, his children and heirs; the affiant further states that he has no documentary evidence in support of the claim; that the said Thomas Overstreet dec'd. Zillah Overstreet, dec'd. and Charles Overstreet dec'd. departed this life in the County of Jessamine aforesaid; all of which is evidence by inference – to the proof hereto annexed –

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day & year above written; the name of Purpatua Overstreet interlined before signed – the affiant further states that the said Nancy Overstreet widow of Charles Overstreet dec'd. has been choosen and appointed by the County Court of the County aforesaid Guardian to s'd. William, Jane, Monroe, James, Samuel, Mary Ann and Purpatua Overstreet infant heirs of s'd. Charles Overstreet dec'd. which is also evidenced by a Copy of the appointment hereto annexed. Subscribed and sworn to the day and year above written. [signed] James Overstreet

[Henry Overstreet added that Thomas Overstreet, his brother, was 16 or 17 years old in 1777 when he first entered the service.]

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following:  
Thomas Overstreet/ age 18/ height 5 10½/ planter/ born in Caroline County VA/ residing in Hanover  
County VA/ hair light brown/ eyes gray/ complexion fair/ enlisted 7 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A Treasury-Department document states that the six children of Thomas Overstreet received a  
pension payment from 4 Mar 1831 to the day of his death on 4 Apr 1832.