Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Steele W7208 Hannah Steele VA
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The State of Tennessee

Monroe County Sct.

On this 18th day of September in the year of Our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Our Court of Please and quarter Sessions for Monroe County now sitting Samuel Steele resident of said County & State aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an 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—. That he was drafted the first of April or May 1780 [sic] in Augusta County Virginia & was musted into service under the Command of Captain Francis Long at Waynesboro Va. at that time called Tay's [sic: the Widow Teas's], and belonged to the regiment of General William Campbell Col. McCrary [sic: John McCreery], Hubbert [probably Thomas Hugart] and Boyer [sic: William Bowyer], & marched down to Hot water [sic: Hot Water Plantation, also called Spencer's Ordinary, 6 mi NW of Williamsburg] & on the 26 June [1781] was in the Scrimmage at that place, or Battle as it is sometimes called we then remained there some five days when when we went to Jamestown on the 6th July 1780 or 1 [1781] was in the battle at that place or at least stood on Sandy Point as a spy watching the maneuvers of the British when engaged, & to see in what directions they would go so soon as the battle ceased the Battle lasted until about sunset, when we were marched thro the Country in every direction through the Dismal Swamps some time in persuit of the Brittish & some time they in persuit of us we were then marched below Richmond Virginia & discharged where I got a written discharge from the Genl's aid-de camp whose name was [blank] Gray this term of service was for three months—

Applicant served a three months term before this time, which by mistake is set down subsequent to the last term which is put here first; but this term of service – applicant was on the day of [blank] 17[blank] drafted in Augusta County State of Virginia & was mustered into service on the [blank] day of [blank] under the command of Capt. Samuel McCutcheon [Samuel McCutcheo] regiment of Col. William Boyer, & marched on down round & about through the Country to Richmond Va. & remen there & through the Country being in no battle in this tour until discharged verbally & returned home this term of service being for three months—

This applicant whole service in the revolution was but, in actual service, for six months. His discharge for the last term of service he has lost or so mislaid he cannot find it. He has no documentary evidence whereby he can prove or in any manner authenticate the same – Nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove the same applicant has resided in this State for about 27 years & in this County 4 years & still does continue to reside in the same. 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 district or State in the union.

NOTE: On 6 Aug 1855 in Jefferson County TN Hannah Steele née Harrison, aged 78, signed a declaration that she married Samuel Steele on 19 May 1817 in Blount County TN, and that he died 6 April 1845. Her statement was certified by William Harrison and J. S. Goforth. A note on her pension certificate states that she died 3 March 1859