Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Peters W8511 Nancy f44VA
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State of Kentucky County of Woodford

On this 14th day of August 1839 personally appeared before the Magistrate's Court of the County of Woodford State of Kentucky Nancy Peters a resident of the County of Woodford State of Kentucky aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of John Peters who was a soldier on the Virginia Line during War of the Revolution at or near the commencement of the War and was in service at least three years from her great age and loss of memory she is unable at this great length of time to specify the particular kind of services and the officers under whom he served but she is of the impression that he was in the Service the whole war and was a private Soldier both in the Militia and Regular Services. She has often heard him and others speak of the different Battles he was in and the only one she now recollects of is the one at Williamsburg and she is of the impression that he was at one time commanded by Colonel Churchwell of Fauguier County Virginia and whether or not she is of the impression that the principal services that he rendered was in Captain Kelly['s] Company own Virginia Continental Line and she is unable at this great length of time to procure the Evidence of his Services and refers to the Record for the Evidence of his Service and she prays that the best evidence that can be procured may be [indecipherable word or words] of his discharge has been lost or Destroyed and she does not recollect by whom it was signed. She further Declares that she was married to the said John Peters in the County of Fauquier State of Virginia on the 22nd day of October 1783 and she presents her true and genuine family Record of her Marriage and the ages of her Children all of whom was born after her marriage to their Father the said John Peters which records show that her son William was born on the 25th day of March 1786 and her Husband the aforesaid John Peters died on the 17th day of February 1833 and she has remained a widow ever since his death that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz.: at the time above stated and she presents her true and genuine family Record of her Marriage and the ages of her Children given from under my hand this day above written

This 14th day of August 1839

S/Nancy Peters

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State of Kentucky County of Woodford

Be it known that on this 27th day of September 1842 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of peace Nancy Peters a resident of the County of Woodford and State of Kentucky aged seventy-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Peters who was a soldier of the revolution on the Virginia line in Captain Tillman Weaver's [Tilman Weaver's] Company and Colonel Amsted Churchill's [Armistead Churchill's] Regiment. She further states that she heard him say that he was under one Captain Kelly who was defieted [sic, defeated?] at Little York. She further states that she has heard her husband speak of being under other officers and performed other services but from her great age and loss of memory she cannot state the particular officers and battles at this time she refers to her former declaration and papers on file for further evidence in the case. She further declares that she was married to the said John Peters on the 22nd day of October 1783 in the County of Fauquier Virginia, that her husband John Peters died on the 17th day of February 1833 in the 71st year of his age: and she has remained a widow ever since his death: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but was married took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated

S/ Nancy Peters

[f pp 2-3: family record]

Marriages

John Peters Senior and Nancy Rousseau was married on the 22nd of October 1783 William Peters son of the above was married to Elizabeth Bronaugh on the 20 day of October 1811

Elizabeth Peters & William Hope was married on the 13 of November 1812 – Margaret Peters & David H Harris was [paper torn and the balance of this entry is missing]

Births

John Peters Born'd in the year of our Lord 1762 December 28 day Nancy Rousseau his wife born'd in the year of our Lord 1764 August 11th William Peters their first son born'd in the year of our Lord 1786 March 25th Margaret Peters was Born in the year of our Lord 1789 February 25th [balance of this page is worn and the text is missing]

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At a County Court Continued and held for this County of Woodford on Saturday the 9th day of November 1844

It was this day proven to the satisfaction of the Court by the oath of Barnit Giltner [Bernard Giltner] Esquire that Margaret Harris wife of David H Harris of the County of Woodford Kentucky, John B Peters of said County, Nancy Coppage wife of Edmond Coppage of Scott County Kentucky and Priscilla Young wife of Johnson A. Young of Bath County Kentucky are the surviving children of Nancy Peters deceased late a pensioner of the United States, and together with John Hope of Caseyville Kentucky, Elizabeth Herold late Hope wife of L. H. Herold, Mary Clarke wife of Thomas Clark, Margaret Hope, Mildred Hope and William Hope of Woodford County Kentucky who are the children and heirs of Elizabeth Hope deceased who was

one of the children and heirs of Nancy Peters deceased and Martha Peters infant daughter and child of Nathaniel L. Peters deceased was one of the children and heirs of said Nancy Peters deceased are all the Heirs of said Nancy Peters deceased which is ordered to be certified.

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 25th day of September 1783, in the name of John Peters, as a Soldier of Artillery for £8.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 20th day of June 1839..

S/A. W. Morton, 1st Clk., AUDITOR absent

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August 14 [indecipherable symbol or word] 1839

I James Peters State that I have examined the Declarer [sic, declaration] made by Nancy Peters and no he was a soldier of the Revolution as Stated by her and She was married at the time Stated by her of which facts I had a personal knowledge at the time & the service was rendered and was present at the Marriage but am unable to state at this great length of time the particular Services was rendered in the Militia and Regular Services or the of except Captain Weaver of Fauquier County Virginia whom he served one tour of duty that I Recollect of. Given from under my hand

S/ James Peters

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[f p. 27: John Crosby of Shelby County, KY testified that he knew the veteran and his wife while they lived in Fauquier County, Virginia; that they were married in 1783; that veteran acted as a commissary in the revolution but how long he served, affiant cannot say.

John Croshy

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending November 15, 1843 when she died.]