

Pension Application for Thomas Belknap
W.5817 (Widow: Naomi)
B.L.Wt.32230-160-55
State of Virginia to Wit:

On this 26 day of November 1839 personally appeared before the County Court of Hampshire being a Court of record, Naomi Balknap widow of Thomas Belknap dec'd a resident of said County of Hampshire and State of Virginia, aged about 68 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 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Thomas Belknap who was a private in the Army of the revolution, that she has heard her said husband often say he had served between eighteen months and two years. She further states that she has no profound knowledge of his service but has often heard him speak of it. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Belknap about fifty one years ago and herewith files a part of her certificate of marriage the rest having been lost or mislaid. This certificate was given here in the City of Philadelphia.

That her said husband the aforesaid Thomas Belknap died on the 18 December 1835 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Naomi Belknap

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before the County Court of Hampshire. Testes John B. White Clk, Hamp. Cty. Ct.

Letter in file dated November 9, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Thomas Belknap, also, War of 1812 record of a Thomas Belknap, both of Virginia.

The Revolutionary War records show only one Thomas Belknap and the War of 1812 records show that only one application for pension was made based upon service in that war of a Thomas Belknap, or that bounty land was allowed for any other than the record given below.

The data furnished you are obtained from papers on file in the respective claims.

Thomas Belknap
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While a resident of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, Thomas Belknap enlisted in July 1776 and served five months as a private in Captain Stewart's Company, Colonel Duboys' New York Regiment. He enlisted in the spring of 1777 and served three months in Captain John Hasbrouck's Company, Colonel Pawling's New York Regiment. He enlisted in the fall of 1777 and served three months in Captain Charles Brodhead's Company, Colonel Grahams' New York Regiment. He enlisted in 1778 and served nine months in a company of Rangers in Colonel Hoornbeck's New York Regiment, date and length of service not stated.

He died December 18, 1835 in Hampshire County, Virginia. The date and place of his birth are not stated and no reference is made to his parents.

Soldier married October 17, 1791 in Philadelphia, Naomi Dare.

She was allowed pension on her application executed November 26, 1839, at which time she was about sixty-eight years old and a resident of Hampshire County, Virginia. In 1851 she was living in Harrison County, Virginia.

She also was allowed bounty land in full satisfaction, on account of the services in the Revolutionary War of her husband, Thomas Belknap, on her application executed June 26, 1855 while a resident of Braxton County, Virginia.

In 1810 they were residing in Pendleton County Virginia and had a family of children, the only name give, was Nancy Belknap, who was then at least eighteen years old. There are no further family data.

For information in regard to the location of the land you should apply to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D.C., and cite the following data: Wt. No. 32230-160-55.

W.C. 34297, Thomas Belknap

Thomas Belknap son of John Belknap was born in Frederick County, Virginia, or Pendleton County, Virginia, some time between 1779 and 1797. The name of his mother is not stated.

He enlisted August 10, 1814 in Hampshire County, Virginia, and served as private in Captain William Neily's Company of Virginia Militia and was discharged November 10, 1814.

He moved from Hampshire County, Virginia, to Randolph County, Virginia, and later he moved to Braxton County, Virginia, (West Virginia.).

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 10, 1871, while a resident of Braxton County, West Virginia, his post office address: Braxton Court House, Braxton County, west Virginia.

He also was allowed bounty land in full satisfaction, on account of his services in the War of 1812, on his application executed September 15, 1856 while a resident of Braxton County, West Virginia.

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He died November 30, 1883 on Cedar Creek, Otter District, Braxton County, West Virginia.

Soldier married Mary or Polly Friend, date not given. She died March 4, 1850 in Braxton County.

Soldier married July 26, 1850 in Braxton County, Virginia, Miss Emsey Fisher. They were both then residents of Braxton County, Virginia.

Soldiers' widow, Emsey Belknap, was allowed pension on her application executed March 11, 1885 while a resident of Braxton County, West Virginia, her post office address, Braxton Court House, West Virginia. In 1885 she stated she was between sixty and sixty-five years old.

In 1902 her post office address was Lloydsville, Braxton County, West Virginia.

She died March 2, 1907 at the home of her widowed daughter, her name and residence not stated.

Soldier's daughter, Luverna Belknap, was aged twenty-two years and his son, John Belknap, was aged twenty-five years in 1885 and their post office address was Chapel, Braxton County, West Virginia. There are no further family data.

Letter in file dated March 8, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reverence is made to your letter in which you request to know whether or not the pension and bounty land granted to Naomi Dare Belknap on account of services of her husband, Thomas Belknap, in the Revolutionary War are still in existence for the heirs of that soldier. You cite the number of her claim as W. D. 34297, which is the file number of the War of 1812 pension claim of Emsey Belknap, Widow of Thomas Belknap who served in the war of 1812. The number of the Revolutionary claim is 5817, as given in letter to Mr. Andrew K. Smith of Salt Lake City, on November 9, 1933.