

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Peter Cash R1781

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Georgia De Kalb County

On this fifth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting, Peter cash a resident of Decalb County in the District thereof in the state of Georgia aged seventy three years on 21st day of February last; and 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 7th 1832.

Deponent was in four tours during the war of the revolution in the Militia of Virginia. The Militia were divided into numbers of Ten called divisions, and each man was permitted to choose his number and was drafted accordingly, deponent chose the second Division in order to accompany his older Brother John Cash [pension application W5894]. Deponent was draft to the Barracks at Charlottesville (or within six miles of it) in Albemarle County, Virginia [sic: Albemarle Barracks 5 mi NNW of Charlottesville], and served one month under John Christian, Captain – Benjamin Tolliver [sic: Benjamin Taliaferro] Lieutenant (ensign not recollected) – Roger Shackelford orderly serjeant. The time he cannot recollect But it was the first draft for the Barrack service, during the war, he was enrolled, at eighteen [sic], in the month of April, and served the first Tour immediately thereafter Deponent served the second Tour in the fall of the same year and Charles Christian Captain, & brother of John Christian his first Captain – a part of the second Tour his Brother John Cash served for him as a substitute, Deponent being sick. Col [Francis] Taylor was the Commander. there were no written discharges given. The militia of the Counties of Albemarle and Amherst had charge of the Barracks, where were confined the prisoners of Burgoynes Defeated army [captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and held Jan 1779 - Feb 1781] – who were afterward removed to Winchester Va Deponent cannot recollect any other officers

Again Deponent served under the same division (they were counted as minute men) under Samuel Hickingbottom [sic: Samuel Higginbotham] Capt – James Ware Lieutenant, and Jo Staples [Joseph Staples] Ensign. Private James Gulland (nicknamed the Coon) Howard Cash & John Cash, Deponents brothers – John Giles William Giles & Josiah Giles [W3799] (three brothers). William Venison, William Tyre [probably William Tyree] – Dick McCary [Richard McCary] & others. Deponent was from what was called the upper Battalion of Amherst – This Company Deponent being one) marched through Albemarle, Fluvanna and Goochland Counties to Richmond Va and took charge of the artillery. Capt John Barnetts Company from the Lower Battalion of Amherst accompanied Hickingbottoms Company remained at Richmond until the expiration of the monthly tour and were dismissed by Company until called again in to the service under Captain Pamplain [sic: Pamplin], marched to Jamestown, having first joined the main army under Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson at the ground Squirrel Bridge [on South Anna River 20 mi above Richmond], was in hearing of the firing at the Battle of Jamestown [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] & next night after the Battle marched by moon shine to the Battle ground – were fired upon and retreated. pass'd Hickory Nutt Church [sic: Hickorynut Church, 8 mi NW of Williamsburg] where wounded persons were receiving aid. from thence to Mobbin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] – to Richmond – to Newcastle upon Pamunkee River [sic: present Old Church on Pamunkey River] & there met Col. Samuel Cabble then lately exchanged from British Confinement [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell, captured at Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] – before they got to Jamestown the army prepared for Battle at the Big Springs. McNeese, the officer, an Ensign or other officer who commanded the section or platoon to which Deponent & his brother John Cash belonged, slipped off home to Amherst, which gave the field on which the parade was the name of McNeese's field. About this time Gen'l. Lawson from some

misconduct was deprived of his sword – and his command given to General [Edward] Stevens [sic: see endnote]. there was a suspicion against Lawson that he held back from the Battle. he did ly by during the day & marched the whole night in confusion. from Newcastle deponent was marched towards York. a relief from Amherst overtook them at the Prickly Pair [Prickly Pear?] old Field where he was discharged with others on the 14th day of August immediately preceding the Capture of Cornwallis in October. Deponent received a written discharge, which is loss'd he was three months in this service Deponent was taken sick at Mobbins Hill and was kept out of the Hospital by John Cash performing his own Camp duties and deponents who remained sick until after Wallace was taken, Viz until Christmass [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] – he was attended by Doctor John Rose. Deponent was born & raised in Amherst – some of his neighbours were Hugh Charles, Peter & John Rose, Charles & John Tolliver & others. Lived in Amherst until called out against the insurgents – or Nullifiers – of Pensylvania under Dan'l. Tucker Capt, John Tolliver ensign Henry Ballinger Lieutenant – Wm. Tolliver orderly serg – Gen'l. Matthews highest Commander – remained Three months (lacking nine days) and were dismissed – Deponent lived in Rockbridge County with Jo. Alexander, one year, with the widow McDowell, mother of Col. James McDowell, now living near Fairfield, one year. then in Amherst, near the Roses & Tollivers & Crawfords & Cabbles until April 1827 & then moved to Georgia – his neighbours are; John Hays – __ Dab[page torn] Esq'r. Thomas Johnston. Jesse Wallace, and General Cozzard of Decatur may be referred to – 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 – that he never has rec'd one cent of compensation except for the services against the Insurgents & is very poor. [signed] Peter Cash

NOTES:

Brig. Gen. Robert Lawson continued to command the 2nd Battalion of Militia through the Siege of Yorktown.

John Cash stated that he served every tour with his brother, Peter Cash, except for the one month at Albemarle Barracks and the campaign against the insurgents in Pennsylvania.

A note in the file states that Peter Cash's claim was rejected because he did not personally serve the minimum of six months required under the pension act.