

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Pardue R7933

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District }

On this Tenth day of January 1837 Personally appeared before Samuel H. Witherspoon Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Lancaster District South Carolina at its regular Sessions William Pardue, a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged near 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 -- That he enlisted under Captain George Hicks of the Continental Army in the month of November 1776 in Warren County North Carolina, as Captain Hicks was on his return to the Army from a visit to his friends in Virginia -- This declarant believes that the Army was stationed at Savannah Georgia as it was at this place that he was regularly enrolled. He only gave his name to Captain Hicks in Warren County North Carolina and mounted his horse and followed Captain Hicks to where his command was (Savannah). Declarant was but a very short time under the command of Captain George Hicks. - it being necessary to make a draft in that Company for the purpose of supplying an Infantry Company under the command of Captain Clemt. Nash [Clement Nash]. He was drafted and placed under the command of Captain Nash and shortly afterwards marched to Golphin old Town under a detachment commanded by Colonel McIntosh [probably Colonel John McIntosh], from this place he returned to Savannah. From Savannah he was ordered to Midway distant 30 miles at which place they were stationed, his officers were Captain Nash, Major Joseph Lane & Colonel McIntosh. I suppose I had at this time then about [illegible word it having been written over several times] months in the service from the time of my Enlistment. At Midway we ascertained that the British were preparing to attack the Fort Sunbury -- and a draft was ordered to go and strengthen and garrison that Fort Major Joseph Lane was appointed to this command and Declarant in consequence of his being drafted to garrison Fort Sunbury followed him to that post. This place was called nine miles from Midway = Sunbury was attacked by the British = and after withstanding the assault of the enemy for three days & nights the Garrison was surrendered <sup>1</sup>= And the Applicant from that time detained a prisoner of War. In this engagement the declarant received a wound in the side of his face, a ball passing quite close to his face --

From Sunbury the declarant was taken to Savannah, where he was kept 2 or 3 days, when he with other American Prisoners were put on board a prison ship where he was confined seven months & five days. At Savannah he (declarant) with four others were supposed to go ashore for

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<sup>1</sup> This appears to be the action at Fort Morris near Sunbury (also referred to as Fort Sunbury) which surrendered to the British on January 9, 1779. [https://www.gasocietysar.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/27943\\_Fluker-Sunbury-lo-res.pdf](https://www.gasocietysar.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/27943_Fluker-Sunbury-lo-res.pdf)

the purpose of repairing a vessel -- And they made good their escape. The vessel that Declarant was confined in as a prisoner lay below Savannah at or near an island called Cockspur = Declarant's period of enlistment or the time for which he volunteered had expired previous to his draft to go to Sunbury to help garrison that Fort, and he applied to Major Joseph Lane his commander for his discharge; but as the Enemy was near at hand and daily expected Major Lane refused his demand and addressed his men, appealing very strongly to their patriotism and valor and they consented (as also did declarant) to serve for a short time until they could get reinforcements, and subdue the enemy, which caused declarant to not get his discharge -- declarant continued to do his duty as a soldier up to the time of his being taken a prisoner, a period of more than two years from his Enlistment -- declarant at the time of his Capture as a prisoner of War at the surrender of Fort Sunbury, was separated from his officers, whom he never more saw after his escape from the Enemy at Savannah where he was suffered to work on the vessel, and from the prison ship where he was confined seven months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension bill of this or any other State --

To the Interrogatories<sup>2</sup> proposed he answers as follows

Ans 1. Born in Chesterfield County Virginia March 28th 1760

Ans 2. I have in my house, a collection of sermons by Welch & Nelson

Ans. 3. In North Carolina, Warren County. In Lancaster district South Carolina --

Ans. 4. Enlisted --

Ans. 5. General Elbert, Colonel McIntosh, Major Joseph Lane, Captain George Hicks & Captain Clement Nash.

Sworn & subscribed Before me January 10, 1837

S/ J. H. Witherspoon, Judge of Court of ordinary

S/ Wm Pardue



[pp 9-11: On April 17, 1834 in Lancaster District South Carolina, the veteran filed another application which is almost word for word identical to the above application. This application is supported by Ors Lanier and William Cheves who gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>2</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Before me personally came William Pardue, a revolutionary Soldier, who being duly sworn, says that he enlisted under Captain George Hicks of the Georgia line, and that he served in the Georgia line as by his declaration now in the Secretary of War's Office.

Sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1837

S/ S/ Beckham, Clk

S/ Wm Pardue

[p 7: on April 6, 1854 in Lancaster District South Carolina, William S Pardue executed a power of attorney in which he refers to the veteran as his late father. He signed the document with his mark.]