

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Pasley (Paisley) R7988
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Elizabeth Pasley f25SC
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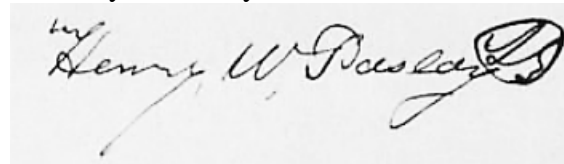
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State of South Carolina Laurens District }

On this the thirtieth day of December A.D. 1850 personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Laurens District, South Carolina in open Court, Henry W. Pasley a resident of Laurens District in the State aforesaid, aged forty-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 3rd of March 1837, entitling "the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers to five years pension" and also by the Acts of Congress subsequently passed for the benefit of the same = That Elizabeth Pasley of whom he is the Executor and heir at law was the widow of Robert Pasley who was a Captain in the Army of the revolution under General Francis Marion, that he entered the service some time previous to July 1781; but at what particular time, and whether as a volunteer, or was drafted this deponent is unable to state; that he continued in the service at least to the 7th Octobers 1782 as will appear from the dates of the original commission and order hereto annexed; but from tradition, and the declarations of the deceased soldier, he believes that the said Robert Pasley continued in active service to the termination of the War -- That he served a part of his time under Lieutenant Colonels Murphy and Benton in the State of South Carolina = That he resided when he entered the service in Chesterfield District in the State of South Carolina = He further states that the said Elizabeth Pasley was married to the said Robert Pasley about the year 1789. That said Robert Pasley died on the 2nd day of March 1818 A.D. in Laurens District South Carolina, That she was not married prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first January 1794. He further states that the said Elizabeth Pasley the widow of aforesaid died in Laurens District in the State of South Carolina on the 5th day of January in the year of our Lord 1845. And that he the said H W Pasley is the Executor of the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Pasley.

S/ Henry W. Pasley, LS

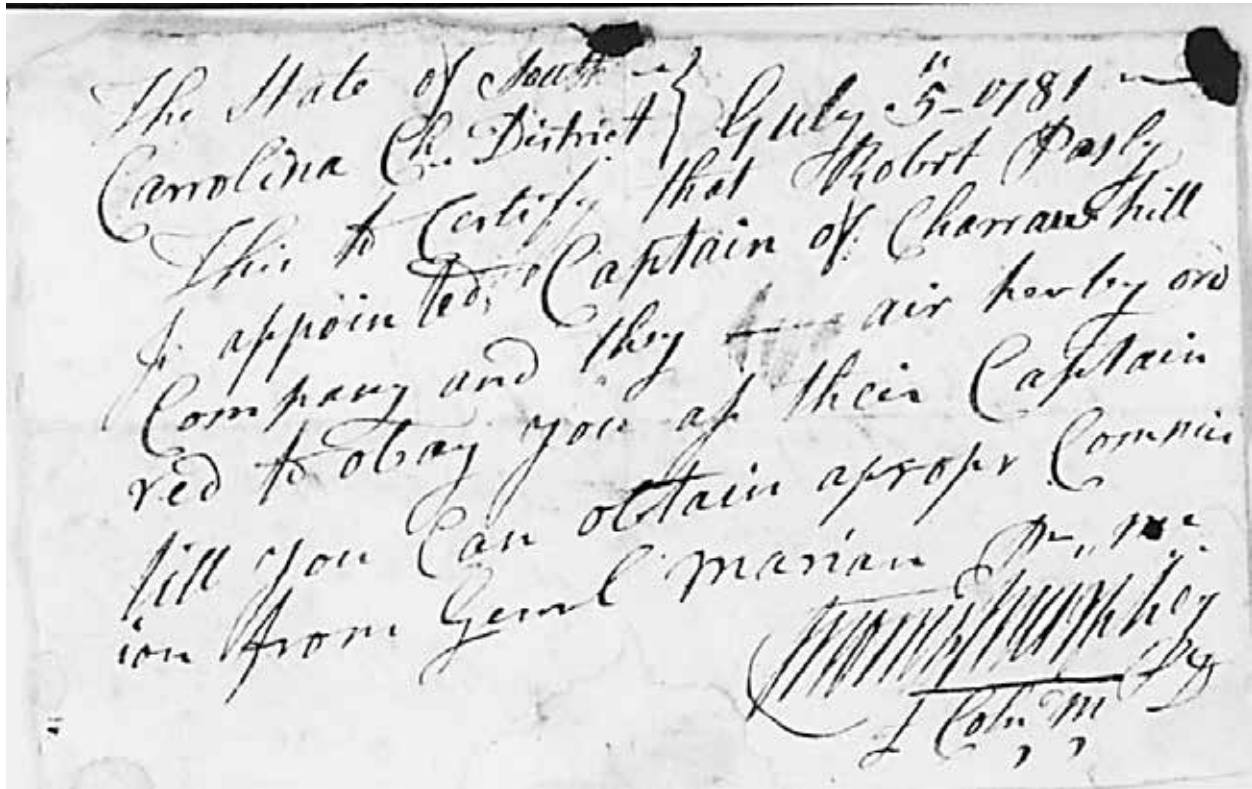
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry W. Pasley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

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The State of South Carrolina Ch District: July 5th 1781
This to Certify that Robrt Pasly
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S/ Morris Murphey
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Morris Murphey
Lt. Col.

[transcription of the above:

The State of South Carolina: Ch. District July 5th 1781 This is to certify that Robert Pasley Jr is appointed Captain of Cheraw Hill Company and they [the company] are hereby ordered to obey you as their Captain until you can obtain a proper commission from General Francis Marion
S/ Morris Murphey, Lt. Col.

The State of South Carolina

Before me John B. O'Neill one of the Judges of the Court of Law of the said State, personally appeared Mrs. Mary Hillegas of the town of Columbia and made oath, that Robert Paslay ([indecipherable word]) was her uncle, that she believes he was married to his second wife Elizabeth Crocker about 1790.

This deponent was not at the wedding, which however took place near where she then lived, with her aunt. She heard it spoken of by her aunt, as about to take place, and then as having taken place. She knows, that they lived together as man and wife until about 1818 when Robert Paslay died. His widow Elizabeth survived him many years, having died, as she is informed and believes about 1845.

Sworn to before me 17th Dec. 1850

S/ Mary Hillegas

Mary Hillegas

S/ John Belton O'Neill

[p 12: certificate from the South Carolina Comptroller General showing payments made to Robert Paisley for services as a militia captain for 30 days in 1782. The certified copy indicates that the veteran sign his name "Robert Paisley."]

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State of Tennessee Lauderdale County: On this 26th day of November in the year of our Lord 1850 personally appeared before me John J. Nelson an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn, William J. Crocker a respectable man and a credible and entirely disinterested witness, who being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth deposes and saith -- That he was well acquainted with Robert Paslay in his life, he being his brother-in-law, having married his oldest sister, and that the said Robert Paslay was legally married to Elizabeth Crocker deponent's said oldest sister, deponent further deposes and says that the said Robert Paslay and Elizabeth Crocker married which marriage took place about the year A.D. 1789 or 1890 [sic, 1790] as well recollects, deponent further states that the issue of said marriage was Robert Paslay, James Paslay, Hanah Paslay, Martha Paslay, Austin Paslay, Eliza Paslay, Thomas Paslay, Edmond Paslay, Dolly Paslay, and Henry N. Paslay -- deponent further states that the said Robert Paslay resided in Chesterfield District in the State of South Carolina when he first knew him which was some 2 or 3 years before he was married as before stated -- that said Robert Paslay continued to reside in said Chesterfield District until about the year 1792 when he removed to Laurens District in said last mentioned State where he continued to reside up to the time of his death which took place in either the year 1814 of the year 1815 -- during the lifetime of said Robert Paslay deponent has frequently heard him speak of having served in the War of the Revolution to the Father of deponent who also served in said War and to others -- deponent further this states that his father always when conversing on the subject admitted & stated that said Robert Paslay did serve in said war to his knowledge. Deponent further states that it was commonly reputed & believed in the neighborhood in which said Robert Paslay resided both in Chesterfield District aforesaid and in Laurens District aforesaid that he had served in said revolutionary war as a Captain and that said Robert Paslay was always called Captain up to the time of his death as aforesaid. Deponent further states from his own knowledge that said Robert Paslay remained a true Whig patriot up to the time of his death as aforesaid, nor did deponent ever hear the same question or doubted by any person whatever. Deponent further states that of the issue of the marriage of the said Robert Paslay and his said wife Elizabeth before mentioned Robert Paslay and Thomas have departed this life, the former of about 1815 or 1816, the latter long before said last mentioned date, at what precise. Deponent does not now recollect -- deponent further states that said Elizabeth Paslay departed this life about the 1847.

And further this deponent saith not

S/ Wm J. Crocker

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm J. Crocker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. Below the signature, there is a faint, circular stamp or seal, but its details are illegible.