

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Pearce R8031

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State of Alabama Jackson County SS }

On this 13th day of August 1836 personally appeared in open Court James Pearce aged seventy-one years, a resident citizen of said County & State, 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 June 7th 1832

States that he was born in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia 25th of December 1765, that at that early age he was removed to that region of Country on the Holston River then known as the County of Sullivan in the State of Tennessee [sic, North Carolina] where he remained until he was 15 years old when in the spring of 1780 he was sent into the service of his Country as a substitute for one Henry Wagoner in the Company of one Captain Kyle [Robert Kyle], he was marched from what was called the long islands to Hickory Creek against the Indians & there remained stationed for three months & was fairly discharged from service; but whether he ever received any written discharge or not, he does not now remember, if he did it has long since been either lost or destroyed. Again shortly after the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], in 1781 he entered the service in the militia in the company of Captain Russell [George Russell] under the command of Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] & Major Anderson for three months against the Cherokee Indians, we marched from Greene County on the big bend of the Nolichucky to Buckinhams island [Buckingham's Island] on the French Broad, out at the head of Boyd's Creek to little River, crossing this we marched & crossed the little Tennessee River at the Motley islands or old Benjamin Fords & from there was marched to what was called the big Hiwassee Town on the Hiwassee River, from this we marched on to the head of the Coosa River, from which we returned having burned many of their Towns & Houses taking about 30 of the Indians prisoners & several horses -- & rescuing from the Indians at a white woman by the name of Jane Ireland. This expedition lasted three months; that he was marched back with the troops to the little Tennessee & disbanded -- from this service he never obtained any discharge. After this service he continued to reside in the same County until the year 1821 when he removed to & settled in the County of Jackson & State of Alabama, where he has resided up to the date of this application.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State whatever. He further states that he knows of no person now living, by whom he can prove the services rendered by him as above set forth.

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid  
S/ Moses Jones, Clerk CC

S/ James Pearce

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Pearce". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[Thomas Woods, a clergyman, and John Parks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1 Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr: in Bedford County Virginia December 25 1765

2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have none

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

4 How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

5 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

6 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.

[No answers were indicated as having been given to questions 3-6.]