

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Pearce R8035

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State of Tennessee Cannon County: SS

On this 20th day of June 1848, personally appeared in open Court, before the Circuit Court of Cannon County, now sitting, Philip Pearce, a resident of said County, in the State of Tennessee, aged eighty-three years, six months & eighteen days, who 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 the 7th 1832.

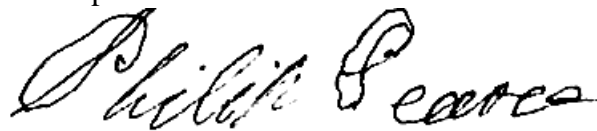
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He served his first campaign, or tour, in the State troops of the State of Virginia as a substitute for his elder brother Thomas Pearce, who was drafted for the term of three months, as a private; that he entered the service in March 1781, and Captain Shackelford's Company. The Captain's given name, he does not distinctly remember; but thinks it was John. The names of the other company officers, he does not remember. Colonel Mathews was the Colonel of the Regiment in which he served. He does not remember his given name. When he entered the service, he resided in King & Queen County in the State of Virginia. He rendezvoused with his Company, at Anderson's old store on the main road leading through the County in which he resided, and marched from thence to Morgan Hills [probably Malvern Hills], a short distance below Richmond Virginia, where he joined his Regiment; and where he remained in Garrison with his Company & Regiment, three months, until the term of his service expired. There was a Regiment of regular troops stationed at the same place, during all the term of declarant's service there. There was a Colonel in command of the Regiment of regulars; but he does not remember his name. While stationed as aforesaid, he distinctly remembers that General George Washington & the Marquis de Lafayette, with their staff, came to the place to review the troops there. When his term of service expired he was honorably discharged by his Captain. He received a certificate in writing, from his Captain, certifying that he was entitled to draw a certain amount per month, (he thinks twenty shillings per month) for his services; but he never drew anything. He has lost said Certificate, and does not know what became of it. Unless said Certificate could be considered a written discharge, he received no discharge in writing. He was not employed in any civil pursuit during his term of service; but was for all the term of three months in actual military service.

Declarant states that in about one week after he returned home, he was drafted to serve three months on his own account in the State troops, of the State of Virginia; that he marched to the same place in which he was garrisoned during the first term of his service, to wit, Morgan Hills, a short distance below Richmond Virginia; that he marched to the said place and served three months in the Company commanded by Captain Barnet Todd. The name of the orderly Sergeant in the Company was Lewis Bocerdy [?]. He does not remember the names of any of

his other company officers. He served as a private. His company belonged to the Regiment commanded by the same Colonel who commanded the Regiment during his first term of service, to wit, Colonel Mathews. He remained at Morgan Hills a short time, until the British crossed James River at Woodson's ferry about 12 miles below Morgan Hills, and marched to New Kent Court House; from thence to Williamsburg; and from thence towards York town; that his Regiment followed on after the British, and marched on a few miles below Williamsburg where they halted, and remained as a picket guard, or outpost, until declarant's term of three months expired, when he was discharged and returned home. He served out his full term and was not employed in any civil pursuit during his term of service. He was verbally discharged by his Captain. After his return home he received a Certificate from his Captain authorizing him to draw twenty shillings per month for his service. He gave his Certificate to a younger brother, David Pearce, who served in the same Campaign with him to draw the money for him. He never received anything on it; and does not know that his brother ever drew anything on it. He has no knowledge as to what became of the Certificate after he gave it to his brother. His said brother died a few years afterwards. When declarant marched to Morgan Hills this last term of service, there were regular troops there; but he did not march from there in company with them; and he has no personal knowledge as to where said regular troops marched. He does not remember the name of any of the officers by whom they were commanded. Declarant was discharged from this last term of service about the first of October 1781.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency in any State or territory.

S/ Philip Pearce

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Pearce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Philip Pearce".