

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sterling Pearson R8041

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State of North Carolina Chatham County

On this 12 day of February 1839 personally appeared in open Court, (before the undersigned Justices of the County Courts of Law & equity, for Court of record in the State of North Carolina) in the town of Pittsborough [Pittsboro], County of Chatham, now sitting, Sterling Pearson, a resident of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina aged 85 years, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of passed June 7, 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: he was drafted in the Continental service in the early part of June, (date not recollected) in the year 1780, the company in which he served was commanded by Captain William McCauley in first part of his service -- then by Captain Wilson, Regiment being under the command of Colonel Isaac Sharp. Declarant further states that he served under Colonel Sharp in the Continental line one year, commencing as above stated and ending in June 1781 during all of which period (one year) of service, his Regiment & company was in the State of South Carolina, in section bordering the Savannah River, and was engaged & fought at the battle of the Eutaw Springs<sup>1</sup> but in no other; after the expiration of the year service in the Continental line, in 1781, he received a written discharge by Colonel Sharp, which was burnt 8 or 10 years since together with declarant's house.

In July 1781 he was again drafted with the State Troops of the State of North Carolina, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Swann Troughten or Trowton [Swan Trouton], and in the company commanded by Dovel Bilbrey [?] first part of the service and afterwards by Captain William Douglass, he continued in the Regiment of Trowton 6 months during which time he served in the Counties of Orange & Chatham, but fought no battle, being engaged principally in keeping the Tories in check, when he left the service the 6 months, being expired, he received a written discharge, he thinks from Douglass, which together with all other documentary evidence of service either in the State or Continental line has been destroyed by fire. During the whole time of service above mentioned the declarant held the rank of a common soldier, -- Chatham County being his place of residence.

Declarant further deposeth & saith that he was 85 years of age on the 10th day of April 1838, and that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory there are many facts connected with his service in the war now forgot and, but that this statement he believes the statements here made are correct.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

