

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Peebles R8074

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State of Illinois County of Macoupin } SS

On this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord 1847 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court within and for the County and State aforesaid (the same being a Court of Record so declared by the Statute of this State and having a Seal and clerk) John Peebles a resident of the County of Macoupin State of Illinois aged Eighty-four 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated under Captain Nettles [William Nettles] a militia officer and immediately joined General Marion [Francis Marion] that he is unable from age and loss of memory to fix the precise time of entering the service but believes it to have been in the spring preceding the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] that he was at that time a resident of Kershaw District and lived about 27 or 8 miles from Camden that he entered the Service as a volunteer that he was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs engaged as a Camp guard and that he was afterward in North Carolina in what was called the Truce land and was engaged in scouting parties against the Tories that at the time he joined the Army he was not fully grown and was chiefly engaged as a Guard or Scout. He states that he was constantly in the Service from the time he volunteered until the end of the war in South Carolina except at such times as he had leave to go home for short periods but was not discharged from Service until the close of the military operations in that quarter. He does not recollect with certainty whether he received a discharge in writing or not but believes he did and thinks that he attached no importance to it and either left it in the State of South Carolina or lost it there. He states that he was born in the State of South Carolina in the District of Kershaw but is not certain as to the District but about 27 or 8 miles southeast from Camden on the last day of January 1763. My age was recorded in a Bible owned by my father but know of no other record of my age. He states in addition to the as that he was in this service for 2 years and more and served as a Private and knows of no person whose testimony he can prove his services nor has he any documentary evidence of his services.

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 or Territory.

He further states that he is unable from his great age and feebleness to leave home to attend to any Court to make this declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of February 1847


S/ Bird Peebles, Judge

In presence of S/ John M. Palmer

S/ John Peebles, X his mark

[Charles Holliday, a clergyman, and James Carroll gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On March 26, 1856 in Macoupin County Illinois, Jesse Peebles filed a claim seeking a pension under the 1832 act stating that he is the son of John Peebles who was entitled to a pension under the 1832 act at the rate of \$76 per annum for services in the revolution in the South Carolina Dragoons under Captain Barnett & Nettles, General Marion & Sumter. He states that his father married Wilmoth Owen in Kershaw County South Carolina in 1785; that his father John Peebles died October 28 1849 and that his wife Wilmoth Peebles died in September 1803; that of the children of John and Wilmoth Peebles were only three now survive, namely Jesse Peebles, Mary Atterberry and Elizabeth Kessinger.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Peebles". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style. A small bracket-like mark is visible at the end of the signature.

[p 33: A certificate dated August 21st 1854 from the office of the Comptroller General of South Carolina indicates that an indent was issued in August 1785 to John Peeples for a total of 94 days militia duty as a Lieutenant in the years 1781 & 1782; 60 days service as a Lieutenant in General Marion's brigade in 1781 and 34 days as a first Lieutenant in General Marion's brigade in 1782.]