

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Peer R8076

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State of Virginia at Shenandoah County SS

On this 10th day of November 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Shenandoah John Peer resident of the County aforesaid about seventy-five years of age who being first 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 7, 1836.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers. That he was drafted in the Militia under Captain Brown for six months sometime in the month of October in the year 17__and was discharged from the Garrison in Winchester Virginia the ensuing spring, and thinks it was the same year in which Lord Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] that he returned home. That he rendezvoused at Woodstock and assisted in guarding the British prisoners taken in the South to Winchester that he was engaged in no battle and that he marched through Strasburg, Middle town & Newtown on my way to Winchester. That two companies started with his company from Woodstock and commanded by Captain Downey and the other Captain Crookshanks. That John Burhing [?] was Lieutenant and that the name of Ensign is not recollected that after reaching Winchester Captain Brown was appointed Colonel and that one Crookshanks [John Crookshank is listed as having served as a Captain in the Shenandoah Militia during the revolution] was appointed his Captain. That there was no regular soldiers at the barracks and does not recollect any other officers. That he remained in the barracks at Winchester through the winter until sometime in the spring and that twice he received a furlough for a few days, went home & returned to the post [could be 'fort'] – that he is very confident he remained in service six months and that he was discharged by a regular discharge signed by Captain Downey which I have lost or mislaid. That Christopher Keister, John Crabill, Abraham Crabill, Peter Mauck and George Fisher were in the same mess – and served together. He thinks he returned home in April because the cherry trees were in blossom. That George Fisher can testify as to his services – That he was born in New Jersey and does not recollect the year, he thinks near a place called Trenton. That he has no record of his age and that he was living in the County of Shenandoah or on Cedar Creek when called into service and that I live in the same neighborhood now. That Joseph Bond, Philip Ornduff and Jack Rudolph can testify as to their belief in my services – and as to my veracity. He also refers to the affidavit of George Fisher which is enclosed: from old age and consequent loss of memory is unable to state more fully the particulars 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Peer, O his mark

[Joseph Bond and Philip Orndorff [also spelled "Philip Orndorf or Arndorf"] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia at Shenandoah County: SS

This day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County George Fisher¹ and made oath that he knows that John Peer was with him in the barracks at Winchester and was there all the time he was except for a few days when said Peer obtained leave to go home that they were in the same mess & that I believe he served six months – that we were under Captain Brown.

S/ George Fisher, X his mark

I certify that I know the above George Fisher that he is a man to whose statement entire credit should be given.

Given under my hand October 11th, 1834

S/ George Hattel, JP

¹ FPA R3568