

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Penick R8092

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State of Missouri }

County of Pike } Circuit Court September Term 1833

On this twenty third Day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three, personally appeared in open Court before the judge of said Court now sitting John Penick a resident the said County of Pike in the said State of Missouri aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the United States service under the following named officers & served as herein after stated. That I enlisted in the regular army in the month of December in the year 1776 or in the march following (my best impression is, it was in the month of march 1777) in the Fourth company & served in the Third Regiment. I enlisted under a Captain Rolly Downman [Rawleigh Downman]. Our Collonels name I think was James Scrivens [sic: Brig. Gen. James Screven]. There was a collonel Ray [sic: Robert Rae] often with us, and I am not certain wheather he or Scrivens had the command of the regiment. The regiment was under the command of Gen McIntosh [sic: Lachlan McIntosh]. At the time of my enlistment I resided in the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia and was enlisted in that county. I enlisted for the term of three years which I served in the manner following. After my enlistment I was marched into the state of Georgia to a town called Savanah [sic: Savannah] after remaining some time at this place I was dispatched with a party to a fort called I think Barenton on the Ultimahoy river [sic: Altamaha River]. I remained at this fort untill in may 1779 during which time we had many skirmishes with the Indians and Tories but our chief business was to guard the ford of the river at this place. During this month of may we returned to Savanah and towards the close of the same month I was taken with the Chills and Fever. I then received a fourlough for four months and returned home to my fathers in Prince Edward County. After my return my disease grew worse and Colonel John Halcom [sic: John Holcombe of Prince Edward County] having been wounded in the thigh returned to my fathers a few days before the expiration of my fourlough & I continued the same untill such time as I should be able to do military duty which I was not able to do during the remainder of the term of my enlistment. I continued sick in all eleven months and during that time my term of enlistment expired.

The next season after my recovery to wit 1780 I think I volunteered in the Virginia Volunteers under one Captain Charles Allen with one Henry[?] Allen for our Liutenant. I have no recollection of the number of our company or regiment or who had the command of our Regiment a Gen Robert Lawson had command of all the forces. We were marched down to the old town of Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] in the same state. There being no necessity for our services upon our arrival at this place we were discharged and I again returned home In this tour I served not less that one month

In the spring following I went a three months tour in the Virginia Militia under Captain William Price I do not now recollect any of our field officers except that after we joined the regular army we were placed under the command of Gen. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. After we joined the regular army we were marched into South Carolina to the town then called 96 now called Camden [sic]. I served during the Siege of Camden [sic: Siege of Ninety-Six, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and after the siege was raised I was again discharged and returned home. During this tour I served not less than four months

During the term for which I enlisted I was in actual service from he time I enlisted which was either December 1776 or the march following untill may 1779. the residue of the three years I was upon furlough. And as I never returned after the expiration of my time I did not receive a discharge for my services. I received a discharge in writing for my two last mentioned tours but these together with my furlough I by accident lost several years ago. And I now have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person who can testify or whose testimony I can procure concerning my services.

At the time I went to Georgia with Downman there was a Captain Hickman in Company and there was a serjent William Riley and there was a Threadgill a Liutenant and his brother John Threadgill was an ensign But wheather these persons were officers in Downmans company or in Hickmans company I do not recollect.

I was Born in Prince Edward county Virginia in the year 1757 I have a record of my age in a family Bible which I received from my father. The Book is now in my possession

I was living in the county above stated when called into service. For some time after the revolution I resided in Virginia from thence I removed to Kentucky and continued to reside there untill nine years ago when I removed to this state & county where I now resid

The manner in which I was called into service and the names of the officers under whom I served and the facts in relation to my discharge are truly stated in the above declaration

I am acquainted with Davis Biggs and William Bryson and Samuel Finley Esquire of my neighbourhood and can testify to my character for truth and veracity and their belief of my services as a revolutionary soldier.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not upon the pension roll of the agency of any state [signed] John Penick

State of Missouriie }
Pike County } SS.

William Penick of Pike County makes Oath and sayes that he is the son of John Penick (decd) and ~~Executor~~ of the said John Penicks estate late of said County of Pike & state of Missouriie. that the said John Penick in his lifetime made application for pension as a soldier in the army of the Revolution but died on the 18th day of September (1839) one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine without ever having been allowed a pension leaving no widow (as his wife Martha Penick died before him that is John Penick) but leaving this affiant (51) fifty one years old Mary Yater aged (60) sixty years. Elizabeth Milsey[?] aged 62 sixty two years. Martha Caldwell aged (57) fifty seven years and Jeremiah Penick aged (47) forty seven, his children and his only surviving children at his decease. that he verily believes his father rendered service in the army of the Revolution and that for several years that he has often heard his father the said John Penick speak of his services in the Revolution. that he always understood from his father that he served three years in The regular service in the Southern army under Gens. [Horatio] Gates & Greene. that he enlisted in Prince Edward County in the state of Virginia for three years and served out his time and was honourably discharged from the service That he has often heard his said father state that he was a tour of twelve months as a substitute in some division and after that two tours of six months each as volunteer States that he was in the siege of ninety six also sayes his father has often told him that he was sick between one and two years and stationed on the Altamaha River in Georgia He thinks near the Junction of the Oakmulgee [sic: Ocmulgee] and Oconee rivers. that he makes this declaration on behalf of himself and the other surviving children for the purpose of obtaining the pension due his said father at the time of his decease under any act or resolution of congress to the benefit of which he may be entitled and to the testimony on file and to the records he refers for evidence in support of his application [signed, 31 May 1852] Wm. Penick