

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Perkins R8111

[Nancy Perkins]

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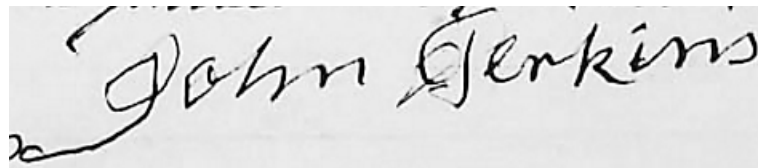
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State of Georgia County of Stewart: SS

On this Eighteenth day of August 1837 personally appeared in open Court before us Daniel Mathieson, John S. Rice and Matthew Wright Justices of the Inferior Court in and for said County John Perkins a resident of the County of Stewart in said State aged Seventy Eight years on the nineteenth day of August last past, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the State Troops of Georgia as a volunteer Horseman in the month of July in the year 1778 under Colonel Elijah Clarke of Wilkes County Georgia and went in pursuit of Indians to the Cherokee purchase now the northern frontiers of this State: was in several skirmishes with the Indians, but no pitched battle. That he continued in the service as a horseman volunteer private until sometime in the month of October in the same year of entering, but he cannot now state positively from loss of memory the date of entering and exiting from the service in the month of July & October of the year mentioned he therefore makes the following affidavit: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County John Perkins who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for four months I served as a volunteer Horseman as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Warren A. May, JP

S/ John Perkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Perkins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

The applicant further states that in the same year above stated he volunteered as a volunteer private footmen under Captain Greenbury Lee the Regiment being commanded by Colonel Benjamin Few, that he marched from Wrightsborough in Richmond now Columbia County Georgia to go to the County of Burke at the Court House: at which place he remained 2 or 3 weeks guarding the jail which was then occupied by Tory prisoners, at this place we had several skirmishes with the Tories who endeavored to release the prisoners in jail. I remained in service for one month under the aforesaid Captain when I returned home but cannot from old age and the

loss of memory now remember at what time I entered or when I left the same he therefore makes the following affidavit:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said County John Perkins who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade for the month a volunteer private footmen for which I claim a pension.
S/ Warren A. May, JP

S/ John Perkins

The applicant further states that he again entered into service as a volunteer private footmen in the year 1779 under Captain Samuel Beckom [sic, Samuel Beckham?] of the Georgia Troops and believes some time in the month of June of that year, that the Army rendezvoused at Captain Lee's from which place they started to Savannah. That he was at the Siege of Savannah of the same year, from whence he returned home. That he cannot state what day of the month he entered the service but recollects the corn was about waist high nor does he recollect when he left the service after the Siege of Savannah but remembers it was very warm -- Personally came before me the undersigned a justice of the peace of said County John Perkins who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade for 2 months and 15 days, I served as a volunteer private footmen for which I claim a pension.

S/ Warren A. May, JP

S/ John Perkins

The applicant further states on oath that he again entered the service as a volunteer private footmen under Captain Josiah Drew of the Georgia Troops & commanded by Colonel Benjamin Few sometime in the year 1781. That he served nearly the whole of the year of 1781 and was at the Siege of Augusta that during the year 1781 he was in several skirmishes with the Indians & Tories but cannot now remember places time & dates nor does he remember at what time he entered the service or when he left it but recollects that he served nearly the whole of the year 1781 as a private under the officers mentioned.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said County John Perkins who being duly sworn deposes & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service (for the year 1781) but according to the best of his knowledge recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade for 10 months as a volunteer private footmen and for such service, I claim a pension

S/ Warren A. May, JP

S/ John Perkins

The applicant further states on oath that he again Entered in the service as a volunteer private footmen of the State of Georgia under Captain Samuel Alexander in the year 1782 some time in the month of March 1782 and volunteered for 6 months. That he left he marched from Augusta Georgia to Savannah, that he marched on to Ebenezer by way of Samons [?], Butler, Spirit & McBeans Creek to Briar Creek -- from Ebenezer to Savannah where I remained until after the siege, from thence he returned home which was some time in the month of August about as he now recollects about the last thereof. He believes the Siege of Savannah commenced about February of 1782 and lasted to about the 24th of August 1782 he further states that he entered the

service as a volunteer as last aforesaid in March and left in August of the year 1782 a period of 6 months for none of which several services did he ever receive a discharge, as they were not usually given.

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 any pension Roll of any agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Warren A. May, JP

S/ John Perkins

S/ John S. Rice, JIC

S/ Daniel Mathieson, JIC

S/ Matthew Wright, JIC

[H. Jones, a clergyman and Marmaduke Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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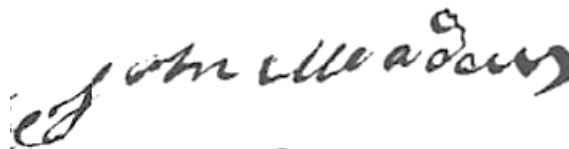
1. I was born in the State of North Carolina on the 19th day of August in the year 1759.
2. I have no record of my age, but had which was lost during the last war.
3. I was living in the County of Richmond in said state of Georgia -- have lived in the County of Crawford and now live in the County of Stewart.
4. I was a volunteer
5. Not being in the Regular Army I do not recollect the names of any Regular officers & the general Circumstances are embodied in the declaration.
6. I never received a discharge from service that I now recollect of.
7. John Riley, William Hunter, Robert Reeves, Lemuel W. Griffith, James Robinson

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Personally came before the undersigned a Justices of the Inferior Court John Meadows¹ who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he knew John Perkins the applicant for a pension and he knew him in the Revolutionary War, that his acquaintance began with him in March 1782 that he knew him at the Siege of Savannah of that year. That he was a revolutionary Soldier and served with him at the least 6 months. That they were together at the Siege of Savannah and this deponent further swears that after the said John Perkins returned home he was elected Captain of the militia in 1783. That he has every reason to believe from his acquaintance with him & from what he knew & heard that he served at the several times mentioned in his declaration as a volunteer soldier previous to the time of the 6 months service for 1782.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ John Meadows



S/ John S. Rice, JIC

S/ Daniel Mathieson, JIC

S/ Matthew Wright, JIC

Personally came before me John Perkins the applicant who on oath saith that he knows of no

¹ [John Meadows S7221](#)

living witness who can testify as to his services as a volunteer in the Revolutionary war for the years 1778, 1779 & 1781 & that John Meadows the above named affiant is the only living witness that he knows of who can testify to his time of service from Marched to August in the year 1782 which time he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this August 18th 1837.

S/ John Perkins

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Two hundred fifty acres Land, Georgia [No. 616]

These are to certify That John Perkins, aged Citizen is entitled to 250__Bounty according to and Back and Reserve of the General Assembly, passed at Augusta the 20th of August 1781 as per Certificate. Colonel Greenbery Lee

Given under my hand at Savannah the 20th of February in the year of all Lord 1784.

S/ J. Houston

State of Georgia Rich, County

This is to certify That John Perkins have steadfastly done his duty, from the time of passing and Act at Augusta, to wit, on the 20th of August 1781, until the total Expulsion of the Ridge from this State; and that the said John Perkins cannot, to my knowledge or belief, be convicted of plundering or distressing the country; and is therefore, under said Act, entitled to a Bounty of 250 acres of good land, free from taxes for 10 years.

Given under my hand at Jelit [?] hill

the 11 day of March 1784

S/ Gb Lee, Col.

[p 3: Nancy Perkins executed a power of attorney dated June 17 1854 while residing in Marion County Georgia for the purpose of pursuing her rights as the widow and relic of John Perkins deceased. She signed with her mark.]