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Pension Application of George Perkins R8113 Keziah Perkins NC SC
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United States of America Lawrence County State of Kentucky

On this 1st day of March 1834 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace in & for the county aforesaid and state of Kentucky; George Perkins resident of the said county of Lawrence aged eighty years, who being sworn before me Justice of peace, he being so infirm that he cannot attend the court of his county for the purpose of making application for a pension under the act of Congress of 7th day of June 1832; doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under said act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States under the several following named officers and served in manner as herein after stated. He entered the service as a private soldier, under Capt. James Gregg, as a substitute for William Harris and served one month in the Millitia at Charleston in South Carolina in the month of May 1776, under the command of Col. Oree [sic: Daniel Horry]; his Major he has forgotten. Then he entered the service as a private soldier, under Capt Elle Lebusk [Elle LeBush] in the month of June 1776 as a substitute for James Johnson, at Hadwells point [sic: Haddrell Point] opposite fort Moultrie. He thinks that Col Oree was his commander in this service, which was for one month in the Millitia, which he served.

That he entered the service under Capt Evans in the month of July 1776 in his own place a tour at Hadwells point as a Millitia man & private soldier, and served five months. Then he entered the service as a private soldier in the Millitia under Lieutenant Danl. Lebusk [Daniel LeBush] some time in February of the year 1777 as a volunteer and served three months.

That he entered the service in August 1777 as a volunteer private soldier in the Millitia at Ansip's[?] bridge in North carolina, (having removed to this state), under Capt John Cade and was stationed at s'd place under Col. Thos. Brown [Thomas Brown] and served three months.

Then he entered the service under Capt. Peter Robison [Peter Robeson] in the year 1778 in the month of March and was stationed near Wilmington. He thinks that Col Robison commanded there: served two months as a private soldier.

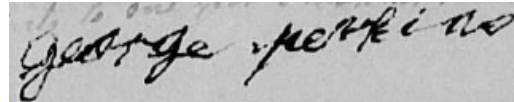
Then he entered the service under Capt. William Moore as a private soldier under the command of Col Thos Brown and served as a horseman in scouring the country against the tories. He first served five weeks and obtained a discharge for that time from Capt William Moore, which discharge is here enclosed. After receiving s'd discharge, news came, before the troops left the army for home, that the tories were plundering the citizens of the country, Capt. Moore then requested us not to leave him. This applicant then continued with Capt Moore untill the time, together with the aforesaid five weeks amounted to three months. This service was performed in the year 1780. He then entered the service in the month of May 1780 as a private soldier in the Millitia, under Capt. Moses Pearson in South Carolina at Burches Mill and was placed under Genl Francis Marion and served six weeks.

Then he served in the Millitia under Lieutenant Richard Whittington four turs of ten days each against outlying obstinate tories in the year 1780. These tories refused to join the americans and lay out in ambush & would burn houses, destroy stock & other property. I was, as above stated, under Capt. Whittington in subduing them.

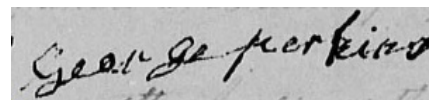
He states that the services performed under Capt James Gragg in Charleston Genl. [Benjamin] Lincoln was there as he supposes in command of the troops [see endnote]. He was then in no battles, being stationed in Charleston. In the services performed under Capt E Lebusk he was stationed at Hadwells point under Genl [Charles] Lee. In the services performed with Capt Evans at Hadwells point, he supposes that Genl Lincoln was the commanding Genl. During this tour he went first from Hadwells point to Sewee bay [25 mi up the coast from Charleston], thence to Monks [sic: Moncks] corner, thence to Bacon bridge [near Old Dorchester], thence to Stono [River], thence back to Hadwells point, thence

back to Stono and was there discharged, which discharge has been lost. He was at the battle of Sulivans Island [Battle of Sullivans Island, 28 - 29 Jun 1776]. In the services under Capt Cade he acted as a guard against the tories. In the services under Lieut David Lebusk he acted as a scout against the tories. In the services under Capt Peter Robison at Wilmington he was at no engagement. He has forgotten the superior officers names. In the services performed under Capt Moore, he was placed under Col Thos Brown. Capt White & Capt Moore formed the troop. Their services consisted in operations against the tories; the same kind of services were performed under Capt. Moses Pearson and Genl Marion. All the fore named services were as a private Millitiaman.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any state in the United States. That his services in all amount to one year 8 months & 22 days.



- 1st Where were you born? Ans'r In South Carolina, Liberty county [formed from Georgetown District in 1785] in the year 1754 on the 22nd day of March
- 2 Have you any record of your age, if so what is it? Ans'r It is recorded in my old Bible which is now in my possession. It was my fathers old bible & the record of my age therein was written by his own hand.
- 3 Where were you living when you went into the service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live. Ans. When I first entered the service I lived in South Carolina; then I went into the State of North Carolina. Since the war I lived upon the Watauger [sic: Watauga] river about 26 years & I live now in the county of Lawrence and State of Kentucky & have been living here about 21 years.
- 4 How were you called into the service. Were you drafted, did you volunteer or did you enlist: and if substitute for whom did you substitute. Ans I first substituted for Wm. Harris, secondly for James Johnson. The other services were performed as a volunteer private Millitiaman.
- 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served: Such Continental and Regimental as you recollect and the general circumstances of your services. Ans. Genl Lincoln, Genl Lee & Genl Marion. The continental & Millitia officers were, Col Thos Robison, Col. Thos Brown, Col [Richard] Richardson & Major Rafford. My services, in the general consisted in operations against the enemy and tours as a Millitiaman & some time stationed as I have above stated.
- 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service. If so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Ans'r I received a discharge from the service which from length of time, and removing from one country to another has been lost, except one (to wit) the one by Capt Moore which is here inclosed. That the ballance of the time under Capt Moore we were verbally discharged.
- 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior your services as a soldier of the revolution. Ans Henry Burgess Esqr, John Burgess Esqr, Joseph Davidson Esqr, John Price, Moses Preston, Archibald Borders, John Borders, Hezekiah Borders: and as to my services the revolution I refer to Lewis Perkins of Floyd county, Ky. John Boyd Clinch river Russel county [sic: Russell County] Va, if he is alive. and as to the officers under whom I served I believe they are all dead. If they or any of them are alive I refer to those before named as evidence of my services.



The sd George Perkins further states that upon examination that Lewis Perkins, his brother was verry young at the time of his services as aforesaid in the revolution & cannot prove actual services as above stated; but can prove that he set out from home to go in the service; & as for John Boyd he thinks it

probable he is dead & he knows of no other person by whom he can prove his services, which is living. Sworn to before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county of laurance and state of Kentucky, this 1st day of March 1834.

NOTES:

Gen. Benjamin Lincoln was not given command of the Southern army until 3 Jan 1779.

On 30 April 1840 George Perkins applied to have his pension transferred to Iowa Territory, having moved to Lee County in order "that he might accompany his daughter with whom he was living (he being an old man eighty five years old)."

A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of George Perkins received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 25 Nov 1840.

On 6 July 1848 Keziah Perkins, 85, applied for a pension as the widow of George Perkins. On 20 Oct 1848 she applied again, stating that she married George Perkins on 25 Dec 1779, and he died on 15 Nov 1840. In the file is a copy of a bond signed by George Perkins and John Cade in Bladen County NC on 5 Apr 1780 for the marriage of Perkins to Keziah Manning.

On 28 Jan 1853 in Lewis County MO, Anna Graves, 72, assigned power of attorney to obtain her mother's pension, stating that George Perkins died 15 Nov 1840, and Keziah Perkins died 12 Aug 1849, and that her parents were married on 5 Jan 1780.