

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Perkins R8114

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State of Mississippi Amite County: Of probate Court May Term 1837

On this 22nd day of May 1837 personally appeared in open Court Before the Honorable John Walker, Judge of the Probate Court of said County now sitting Lewis Perkins a resident of the County of Amite and State of Mississippi aged 72 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 7th of June 1832.

This Deponent entered the service of the US under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service a little before the fall of Charleston in South Carolina in the militia, and was taken a prisoner at the fall of Charleston. The Major who commanded the Regiment was Alexander Swinton Captain King (his Christian name is now forgotten) also commanded my company; The day in the month when this deponent entered the service he cannot now recollect, since he was very young, being then under age. From this time Deponent continued in the Army under General Marion until the war was ended; as one of the militia; then were about 18 months of the time, from the period he first entered the service that he was actually engaged as a militia soldier to the end of the war, as the militia were from time to time discharged and again drafted. There was no engagement of any magnitude in which this claimant was engaged except the Siege of Charleston there were small scouting parties in which he was frequently engaged but attended with no action of much importance; This claimant resided in Georgetown District South Carolina when he entered the service. When he entered the service he was drafted, that after his first Term of service he went as a substitute, once possibly twice; but in filling his own place when drafted and being a substitute at other times, he was nearly continually in the service from the time he first entered the Army to the end of the War. When the Regiment first collected we assembled at Lynches Creek at Witherspoon's ferry, we thence marched in as near a right line as we could to Charleston about 100 miles Distant, we crossed the Santee at Leneud's or Murray's ferry, I forget which. There were no Continental regiments or companies with which we were connected. There were numerous Continental companies and regiments in Charleston when we arrived there, but being young when he was in the Army, and with a memory now impaired by time he cannot call to remembrance the names of the officers in command other than those who commanded his own Regiment. After the siege of Charleston the remainder of my revolutionary duties were under the command of General Marion. In a skirmish we had with the Tories, while General Marion with his Army was laying in Snows Island, one of our party was wounded and I with a soldier named Richardson carried the wounded man whose name was Donald, to Robert Courtney's, the father of Jonas Courtney

who certifies to this Declaration, where we tarried all night, and the next day took up our march in pursuit of General Marion's Army about 30 miles off. This incident is merely mentioned because Mr. Jonas Courtney is the only living witness near me by whom I can substantiate any material fact. The time has been in this country there were more than a dozen persons by whom I could fully substantiate the fact of my having served the time above stated in our Revolutionary Struggle; but they are all dead and it is now impossible to prove but by hearsay any facts. Mr. Jonas Courtney whose Certificate will be found to this Declaration knows from his own knowledge, as well as from conversations with those who served with me, but who are now dead, that I was a soldier during the revolutionary War as I have above stated. I have no Documentary evidence, nor do I know of any other person near me who can testify as to my service. 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 the agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 22 May 1837

S/ Stephen R. Davis, Clerk

S/ L. Perkins

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1765 in Georgetown District SC

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a copy taken from my father's family Bible and recorded in my own Bible at home.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Georgetown District SC when I entered the service, after I had a family I removed to Tennessee where I lived 7 years, thence I removed to Amite County Mississippi where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer, I believe in the full born declaration I said I was first drafted; but I first went as a substitute for my brother I then being very young, after that I was always drafted while in the Army.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Captain Horry, and Mayham [Maham] both of whom commanded cavalry these with the officers I have above stated are all that I can now recollect --, I cannot remember any other Continental or militia regiments. -- nor any material circumstances than those above mentioned.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a written discharge when one part of a Regiment was relieved, they went home without any written discharge

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Jonas Courtney, Agrippa Gayden, Wm A. Lucas, Celia Mumford, James M. Mumford, or those who can probably speak most fully as to the general opinion of my having

been a revolutionary soldier, my veracity for the truth I believe has never yet been brought in question.

[Jonas Courtney and Agrippa Gayden gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[I did not see in this file any document purporting to be a certificate by Jonas Courtney other than the standard supporting affidavit as noted above.]