

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willis Perry R8139

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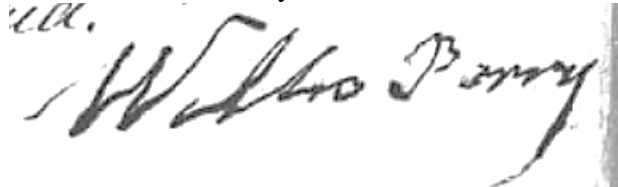
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Georgia Muscogee County }

On the 12th day of June in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court Willis Perry, a resident of said state & County aged near seventy-seven 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 provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered his services as a militia man to the United States in the following manner, viz., under Colonel Johnson [Jonas Johnston], & Captains Twitty [John Twitty] & Hunt [Henry Hunt] for three months as a militia man marching from Franklin through Kingston [sic, Kinston], & Fayetteville NC to Lynches Creek SC in the year 1779, & under Colonel Sowell [Benjamin Seawell], & Captain Hill [William Hill] in Franklin as a Blacksmith for three months in the year 1780 & during those periods was engaged in no civil pursuit.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity, except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State. -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Willis Perry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willis Perry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a vertical grey bar to the right of the signature, possibly a scanning artifact or a redaction mark.

S/ Grigsly E. Thomas,¹ Judge of the Superior Court of the Chattahoochee Circuit Georgia [James Hitchcock & John Townsend gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to Interrogatories² to be propounded by the Court,

¹ This man's signature clearly appears to be "Grigsly E. Thomas," but the clerk in attesting the document clearly spells his name "Grigsby E. Thomas."

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

- Answer 1. I was born in Franklin County North Carolina in the year 1756 on the 31st July.
2. I have a record of my age in a Bible at my son's in DeKalb [County], and probably is also recorded in North Carolina on the Church Records.
 3. I lived in Franklin County NC when I entered the service, & moved from thence to Warren, formerly Wilkes County, Georgia in 1786, & thence to Jackson County in 1816 & or 1817, & finally to Muscogee County in 1827, where I now reside.
 4. I volunteered my services.
 5. The Officers under whom I served were Colonel Johnson & Captain Twitty, whose place on death was supplied by Captain Hunt, for the first tour of 3 months, marching principally, he is through Kingston, Fayetteville, NC & to Lynches Creek South Carolina, whence I returned home. The second tour of three months I served as a Blacksmith under Colonel Sowell, & Captain Hill in Franklin County NC.
 6. I received a discharge from Captain Hill, but have lost it.
 7. I adduce James Hitchcock & John Townsend to testify to my credibility, & their belief of my revolutionary services as a soldier.

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

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

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.