

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Peters R8146

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 3 July 2015.

State of Virginia }

Surry County } On this 25th day of May 1835 Personally appeared before the justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid now sitting in Open Court, Jesse Peters resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy one 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 June 7th 1832 That he enlisted in the Service of the United States in the year 1780 under Captain John Lucas in the aforesaid County of Surry and remained in the said County about Seven Weeks, when he marched to a place Called Mackies Mills and was stationed there about the same length of time from thence he Marched to Brunswick Courthouse where he was also stationed a short time, from there he marched to South Carolina and was put under the command of Captain Morgan [see endnote], Colo. [Richard] Campbell and Gen'l. Nath'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at the battle at Guildford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] was in the battle at Campden [sic: Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], when the british attacked Gen. Green and cause him to retreat, he was also in the battle near the Eutaw Spring [8 Sep 1781] and well recollects that Colo. Campbell was killed in said engagement. he was after the Battle stationed at the high hills of the Santee, where they rec'd information of York Town having been taken by the Americans [19 Oct 1781], that from the high hills of Santee he went with Captain Morgan (who was wounded in the hip) to Cumberland Courthouse at which place the said Morgan gave him a discharge. he then returned home to the said County of Surry where he has remained ever since which said discharge has been lost; That he served Eighteen months the time for which he enlisted. That he knows of no person, now living who served with him or whose testimony he can procure to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State Sworn and Subscribed to the day and year aforesaid. Jesse hisXmark Peters

Where and in what year were you born. I was born in the County of Surry in the year 1799 [sic]

Have you any record of your age. I have not any-

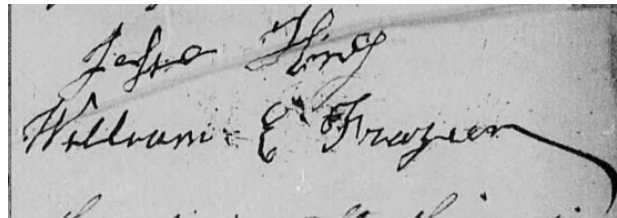
Where were you living when you went into servis. In the County of Surry State of Virginia How were you Called into servis. I volunteered for Eighteen months State the names of some of the officers who were with the troops where you sereved. I recollect Gen'l. Nath'l. Green. Colo. Campbell, Captain Morgan and Captain Drewry

Did you ever receive a discharge from the Army. I did

By whom was it Given by Captain Morgan What has become of it - It is lost as far as I know or believe
Jesse hisXmark Peters

We Jesse King [pension application S5559] and William E. Frazier residing in The County of Surry hereby Certify, that we are well acquainted with Jesse Peters, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy one years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

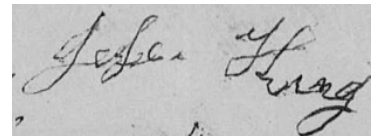
A photograph of a handwritten document showing two signatures. The first signature is 'Jesse King' and the second is 'William E. Frazier'. The ink is dark and the handwriting is cursive.

The affidavit of James Bailey taken at his dwelling house in the County of Surry and State of Virginia, the 11th day of December 1834 The Deponent saith that he is seventy two years of Age that he was well acquainted with Jesse Peters a Free Man of Colour, before the revolutionary war and since, that he believes that the said Jesse Peters was a Soldier in said Revolution war, that he marched to the South, and was gone some considerable length of time as this deponent well recollects, that he never returned as he saw until after the Conclusion of Peace. But as he marched to the South he does not know what Regiment he was attached to or what officers he was under, not the length of time he served – and further saith not
James Bailey

State of Virginia }
Surry County to wit }

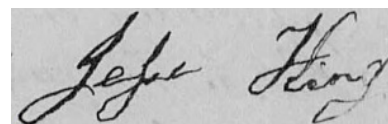
Personally appeared in Open Court Jesse Peters resident of the County of Surry aforesaid and made oath that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he served for and during the Term of Eighteen months as he has stated in his declaration which is now on the files at the Pension office of the united States at Washington, which is prayed to be taken as just and Truly stated, That it was lastly required of him to state whether he ever received any Depreciation pay at the time of his discharge. He declares upon oath that he never received any himself nor has any Agent for him ever received any. He also states that he was not apprised of any Law which passed in the year 1818 whereby he could have received any pension for his services in the Revolutionary War. (He states that in the year 1833 he heard that there was a Law passed paying all of the old Soldier that were then Living whose times of service amounted to six months.) He then made and affidavit before the County Court of Surry for the purpose of obtaining a pension which said affidavit or declaration a Mr. Gray had the management of that your affiant has waited on Mr. Gray several and several times but he could not Tell what had become of the Papers, that he then Got another Gentleman to attend to his business, which has Caused his papers and declaration to appear as so late a period and no other.
Sworn and subscribed this 24th day of August 1835. Jesse hisXmark Peters

I Jesse King of the County of Surry do hereby Certify that I am well acquainted with Jesse Peters who has subscribed his name to the above, and that his statements therein contained I belive to be true and do know that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war. I have before stated and which is on the files of the Pension office of the united States at Washington



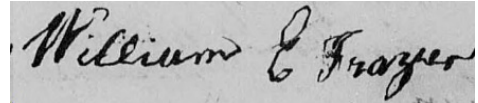
Surry County to wit [7 Oct 1835]

The affidavit of Jesse King taken at his Dwelling in the County aforesaid The affiant being duly Sworn, saith that he was well acquainted with Jesse Peters of the County aforesaid before the Revolutionary War, and that the said Jesse Peters, was a Soldier in said War, and marched to the South, and was gone from said County Eighteen months and upwards, and that he returned after the Seige of York, and has remained in the said County ever since, that the said Peters has in conversation since the War, spoke of different war actions to the South, of different periods, and therefore he is confirmed in his own opinion that he served a Tour of Eighteen months to the South and further saith not



Surry County to wit [7 Oct 1835]

The affidavit of William E. Frazier taken at his Dwelling house, the affiant being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is in the seventy third year of his age, That in the Year 1780 he was a Soldier in the revolutionary War, and marched from the County of Amelia and that he was in the Battle at Guildford Courthouse, when he recollects of Getting in Company with a Jesse Peters, and that after the Conclusion of the war he moved to the aforesaid County of Surry, when he a gain met with the said Jesse Peters in the said County and has been acquainted with him ever since and has heard him frequently speak of different parts of the South, and knows that the said Jesse Peters has lived in the County ever since, and verily believes that the said Jesse Peters served as he has representatives in his declaration and that he has never received any pay as he believes as he has never heard of any such thing And further saith not

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E. Frazier". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

NOTE: Jesse Peters's application was suspended "for further proof," probably resulting from confusion about whether he was in the militia, state service, or Continental Line. If Peters was in the militia then his oath would have been taken as sufficient proof, but since militia tours were never for as long as 18 months, he was presumably in state or Continental service, which required documentary evidence or the testimony of two eye-witnesses. Capt. John Lucas was in the Surry County Militia, but Simon Morgan (pension application W8475) was in the 13th Virginia Continental Regiment. It appears, therefore, that after serving one tour in the militia Peters enlisted in the Continental Line for one year.