

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Pettit (Petit) R8154

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North Carolina Surry County }

On this 14th day of August 1838 -- personally appeared in open Court, before the Court now sitting as a Court of Record for the County of Surry and State of North Carolina, George Pettit a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight years on the 27th of April 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 act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated --

1. That he entered the service in November 1780 as a substitute for one Hezekiah Gray in the County of Surry under Captain Joseph Phillips, for and during the period of three months; That from the County of Surry they marched into the State of Virginia to a place called the "Horse Pastures" guarding during that time, some British prisoners captured at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]; that at the horse pastures aforesaid, he was discharged, his term of three months having expired. That the discharge he received at the horse pastures is either lost or has been mislaid, so that he cannot now tell where it is or what has become of it. That he has not in his possession any documentary evidence by which he can prove this period of service, nor are there any living witnesses by whom he could prove the facts above stated, for all who were then in service have either died or moved to distant parts of the United States --

That he the said George Pettit again entered the service of the United States in the year 1782 under the following circumstances and conditions to wit "it was proclaimed by Colonel Armstrong [Martin Armstrong, Col. of the Surry County militia] that any persons who would enter the service as volunteers and would transport two loads of lead from Chissells Mines [sic, Chiswell Lead Mines] in Virginia to the Laboratory in Salisbury North Carolina, should be considered as having performed 2 tours of duty; that for this service he the said George Pettit did volunteer, and did transport the lead; as will more fully appear by the discharge granted to him by Captain David Humphries [also spelled David Humphreys] hereto annexed -- That he has no evidence of living witnesses now to prove the facts connected with this service, but the testimony of John Venable<sup>1</sup> hereto annexed -- He thinks the time of rendering the service as above stated was in 1781, but the discharge itself is dated 1782. This discrepancy between the recollection of an aged man, and a written discharge will not in the opinion of him the said George Pettit make

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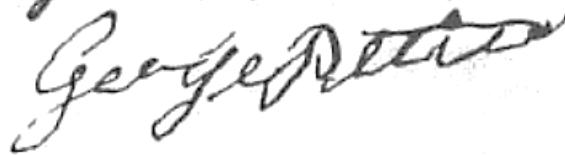
<sup>1</sup> [John Venable \(Venables\) W18220](#)

any material difference, because the facts testify to all the same in both cases -- And the said he the said George Pettit hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State --

And the said George Pettit further states that there is no Clergyman now present at the Court House whose testimony he can be adduced in support [of] his claim to a pension -- But he offers the testimony of Absalom Kerr and Benjamin Sneed respectable Citizens of the County and neighbors of him the said Pettit, who are well acquainted with his character and standing as a member of the society in which he lives --

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid --  
S/ F. K. Armstrong, Clerk

S/ George Pettit

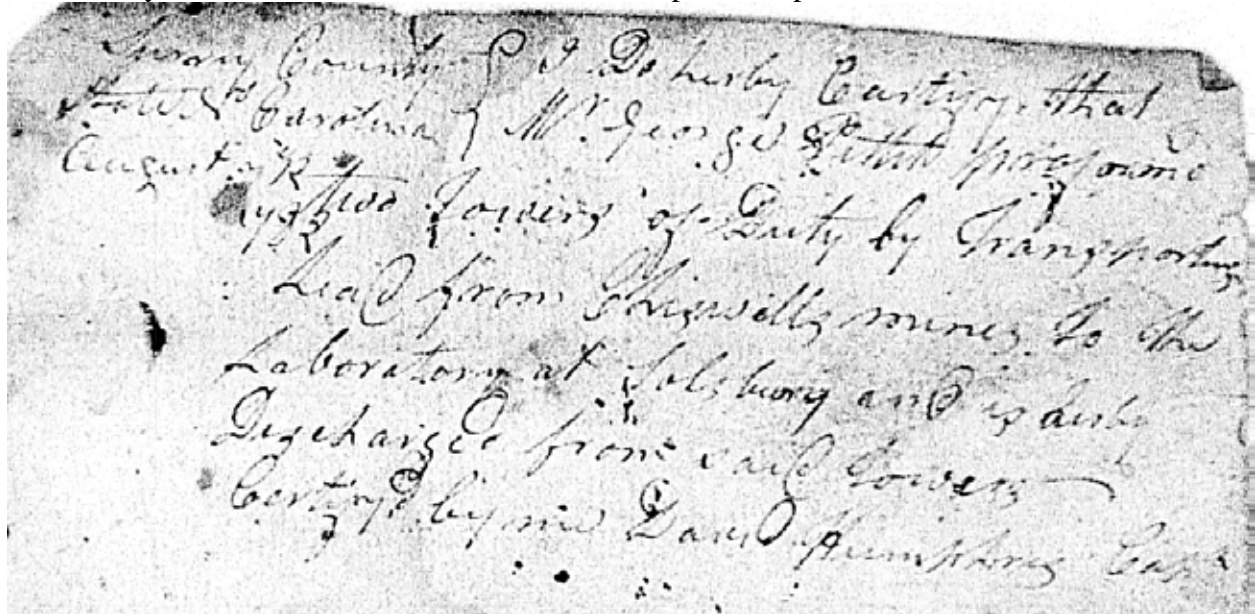


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Surry County State No. Carolina August Term: I do hereby Cartify that Mr. George Pettit performed two Towers of Duty by Transporting Lead from Chizsills mines to the Laboratory at Solsbury and is herby Discharged from said Towers.

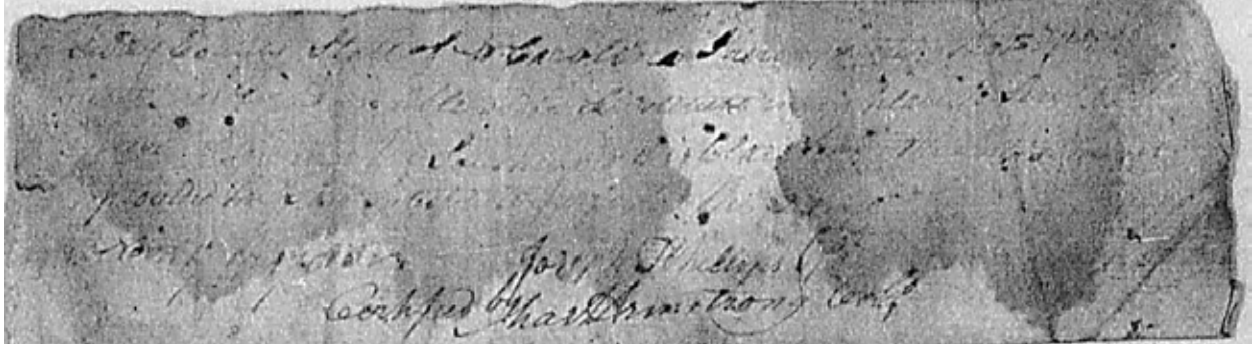
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S/ David Humphries Capt.



Surry County S. C. I do hereby Cartify that  
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[p 12 there is what appears to be another discharge signed [it appears] by someone named Joseph Phillips and Martin Armstrong, Col., but the document is largely illegible.]



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North Carolina Surry County

On this 14th day of August 1838 personally appeared in open Court John Venable who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he was well acquainted with George Pettit of the County of Surry aforesaid at the time he was engaged in the public service transporting lead from Chissels mines in Virginia to the Laboratory in Salisbury North Carolina; that he was engaged in the service with said Pettit; but thinks the service was performed in 1781, according to his recollection of the time at present, although a discharge from Captain Humphries may be dated in 1782; the fact how other as stated by the said Pettit he knows to be true for he was in service with him at the time --

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

S/ F. K. Armstrong Clerk

S/ J. Venables

[p 16: Absalom Kerr and Benjamin Sneed gave the standard supporting affidavit.]