

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Petty R8158

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State of North Carolina Chatham County} Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1832

On this 19th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judge of said Court now sitting John Petty a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 76 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 --

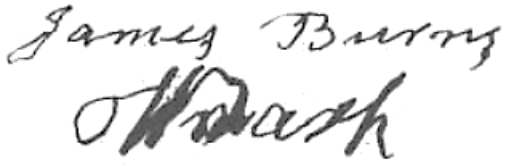
That he entered the service of the United States sometime during the Revolutionary War in the Militia in the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina that he served several tours of duty but cannot recollect the names of any of the officers under whom he served except Captains Gholdston [Charles Gholson] and Clark [Alexander Clark] he thinks that he was sometimes drafted and that he sometimes volunteered he can give no definite account of his services having been deprived of his memory by age and affliction. Yet he distinctly recollects that he was in the Battle at Lindley's Mills [September 13, 1781]¹ on Cane Creek, and although he thinks he served much longer yet he has no doubt but that he served at least 12 months he has no recollection how, when, or where he was discharged from the service or whether he ever received any written discharges and if he ever received any they are now lost or destroyed. That he has no documentary Evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the particulars of his service.

He 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 or Territory in the Union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Petty, X his mark

[William Marsh² and James Burns³ gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, they said: "that they have seen him in the service and James Burns states that he served a Tour with him and saw him in the Cane Creek Battle."



James Burns
William Marsh

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¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_lindleys_mill.html

² [William Marsh S7186](#)

³ [James Burns S4979](#)

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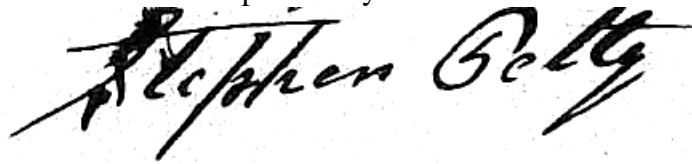
State of North Carolina Chatham County} Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1832

On this 19th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judge of said Court now sitting, Stephen Petty and made oath that he lived in the house of John Petty his Father during the Revolutionary War that he was very young at the time and has no distinct recollection of his Father's services. Yet he recollects that he was frequently from home as he understood in the Whig service he recollects that the mare he rode was called Fly -- that he has often heard his Father recounting his services in the War of the Revolution and has no doubt but that he was a soldier in the same. He further states that about 20 years ago his Father received a paralytic stroke since which time he has been quite infirm and that his memory has nearly forsaken him.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ C. J. Williams, Clk

S/ Stephen Petty

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Petty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

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State of North Carolina Chatham County}

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of or said – John Petty who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for one year I served as a private in the North Carolina Militia for which I claim a pension. In the said John Petty further maketh oath that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear at what time of the War he entered or quit the service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of May 1833

S/ A. G. Keen, JP

S/ John Petty, X his mark