

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Theophilus Petty R8161

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The State of Alabama Butler County} County Court August Term 1832

On this thirteenth day of August personally came in open Court before James Lane Judge of the said Court now sitting Theophilus Petty a resident of said County and State aged 74 years in \_\_\_ 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 7 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

He was born the 10th of June 1758 in Chatham County North Carolina. He was living in Kershaw District South Carolina and entered the service as a volunteer about two years after the commencement of the war under Captain Luke Petty he served a tour of six months Amos Horton was the Lieutenant Major John Kimbral,<sup>1</sup> Colonel ~~John Horton~~ <sup>Epriah Goodwin<sup>2</sup> & Col. Green</sup> John Horton during this tour he was stationed & marched down the country in South Carolina about the four holes and Watboo [sic, Wadboo] was in no action. He continued a 2nd tour of six months under the same officer and was in the action at Eutaw Springs Lincoln<sup>3</sup> was the commander under whom he acted General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was also at that engagement -- after this tour he returned home to his mother's on Saluda River Edgefield District where she had moved during his absence in the service after that a short time he volunteered under Captain Jonas Buckner and his Lieutenant Richard Corley he served under two years in scouting parties during that time he was in [a] fight at Dorchester against a party of Tories commanded by Cunningham called a Captain -- He was discharged at Orangeburg by Captain James Butler gave him his which has been lost -- there is no person known to him that served -- Mr. Nimrod Burke knew that he was in the service -- Mr. Patterson, James Campbell and Thomas Goodson -- have some knowledge from hearsay of his services --

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 any state.  
Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Theophilus Petty, X his mark

[James Miller, a clergyman, John Skipper, John Hawthorn gave the standard supporting

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, more likely Major Frederick Kimball

<sup>2</sup> Sic, more likely Lt. Col. Robert Goodwin

<sup>3</sup> Probably an attempt to name Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, but Lincoln was not at Eutaw Springs. Nathanael Greene commanded the American troops at Eutaw Springs.

affidavit.]

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The State of Alabama Butler County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for said County & State Theophilus 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 three years as I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension, and by way of amendment to his former declaration he says that he served the two first tours of six months each in North Carolina as stated in his declaration -- his services were under Captain Butler & Lieutenant as stated in his declaration was also in that State and lasted as he knows certainly at least two years which was intended to be his statement in the original declaration but the word "them" was omitted between the word "under" & "two" -- all these officers & companies were in lawful service & discipline of the United States and he was during his service employed in no civil pursuit -- he volunteered during the war under Captain Butler as well as he can recollect and served accordingly -- Sworn & subscribed before me the 2nd day of December 1833.

S/ Frances A. B. Wheeler, JP

S/ Theophilus Petty, X his mark