

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pettyjohn R8163

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State of Missouri County of Greene: SS

On this 18th day of [month written over and illegible, could be September or October or November, possibly December] 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable County Court of the County of Greene and State aforesaid now sitting John Pettijohn a resident of this vicinity County & State aforesaid aged seventy-two years on the 5th day of last January 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 the 7th 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he entered the service as a soldier in the Militia for the Term of twenty days under Colonel Guy Hamilton in the year 1781 in the month of September as well as he recollects the day he cannot recollect and that he left the service the same month. That he was in no Engagement – that he lived near Harrisburg in the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia when he entered the service. That he was a Drafted Soldier. That he marched from near Harrisburg in the State of Virginia & Rockingham County to Richmond Virginia thence to Little York where he Joined General George Washington's Army under the command of Colonel Guy Hamilton of Rockingham County Virginia. That he was in company with a Regiment from Rockingham Virginia commanded by Colonel Guy Hamilton. That he recollects the names of the following regular officers viz.: General George Washington & General Anthony Wayne. That in the year 1782 he again entered the service as a Soldier in the militia for the Term of two months under Sergeant Miller of Rockingham County Virginia who commanded a company of 20 or 25 men – that he entered the service in the month of June – the day he does not recollect – That he left the service sometime in August the same year. That he was in no Engagement. That he lived near Harrisburg in the County of Rockingham & State of Virginia when he entered the service the last time. That he was a drafted Soldier. That he & his company marched from Rockingham County & State aforesaid under the command aforesaid through Pendleton County & crossed the South Branch of the Potomac [River], thence to the head of Cheat River, thence down said River, thence to Skidmore's Fort up the Tiger Valley [Tygart's Valley] fork of Monongahela to Harvey Fort [?]¹-- That he & his company were stationed at the last mentioned place nearly or quite two months. That Sergeant Samuel Miller was the only officer who commanded there company & that they joined no other company. That they were sent there to guard Fort Harvey [?]² –that the

1 "Harvey Fort"
2 "Fort Harvey"

people of in that section of the country might make their crops which Fort they guarded until the crops were laid by – and for some time afterwards & he further states that he has no Documentary Evidence of the above facts and that he knows of no living witness whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his services – he hereby Relinquishes Every claim 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 in the Union. He further states that he never had any written discharge. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Charles C Yancey, Presiding Judge

S/ John Pettyjohn, Senior, X his mark

Question 1st 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: Born in the State of Delaware Sussex County on the 5th of January 1764

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

..I have no record of my age being and Illiterate man I have preserved none

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

.. Lived in Virginia Rockingham County. He then moved to Monongahela County in the State of Virginia. Then moved to Dalia County State of Ohio. Then to Richland County in the State aforesaid. Thence to Independence County Arkansas Territory. Thence to Saint woman County State of Illinois. And he now lives in Greene County in the State of Missouri

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

.. I was drafted both Towers [tours]

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

.. General George Washington, Anthony Wayne, Regular officers. Colonel Guy Hamilton. Sergeant Samuel Miller. Owing to the lapse of time he does not recollect distinctly any of the Continental or Militia regiments. And furthermore I was only ordered out for the special purposes of protecting the forts & frontiers in Virginia under the command of Colonel Hamilton the first tour as Sergeant Miller the 2nd tour as set forth in the preceding declaration.

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

.. I did not. In consequence of my being taken sick on our return from Fort [illegible] to Rockingham County when the Company was disbanded before my arrival at that place.

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.

.. Thomas Cosebath [?], Clergyman, Joseph Price, William Freenor, Robert Patterson

Sworn to and subscribed on the 8th day of November 1836 in open Court

S/ Charles Yancy, P JCC

S/ John Pettyjohn, Senior, X his mark

[Thomas Casebath, a clergyman, Joseph Price, William Freenor & Robert Patterson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]