

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Israel Pickens R8226

Sarah Pickens

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State of Georgia Madison County} On this 23rd day of June 1856 personally appeared before me Walter H. Griffith one of the Judges of the Inferior Court in and for the County and State aforesaid Sarah Pickens a resident of the County of Madison and State of Georgia aged sixty-seven years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed 3rd February 1853. That she is the widow of Israel Pickens who was a private in the revolutionary war under General Andrew Pickens in the State of South Carolina.

She further declared that she was married to the said Israel Pickens on the 4th day of August A.D. 1823 and that her husband the said Israel Pickens died on the 11th day of February 1828 that she was married to him at the time above stated.

She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made application for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written And I Certify that the said Sarah Pickens is unable to appear in open Court from old age and bodily infirmity.

S/ Walter H. Griffith, JIC

S/ Sarah Pickens, X her mark

[Louisa Sailors gives testimony that she was present at the marriage of Israel Pickens and Sarah Bevil [? Bearl?]¹ performed by Joseph Black, JP, in the State of South Carolina on August 4, 1823.]

¹ The War Department interpreted heard name as Sarah Bevil.