

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Blake Piercy (Piercey) R8243

Mary Piercy

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State of North Carolina Yancey County } SS

On this the 17 day of October in the year A.D. 1850, personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for said County and State (being a Court of Record) Mary Piercy a resident on Indian Creek in said County and State aged seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July 1838, entitled An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows; that she is the widow of Blake Piercy, who was a private soldier in the North Carolina Militia, and the Company commanded by Captain White [Joseph White], belonging to Colonel McDowell's [Charles McDowell's] Regiment; that the said Blake Piercy was (she thinks) a volunteer, and that he entered the aforesaid service some time in the year 1779 for the period of three months, and was marched towards the Town of Charlotte, going through Wilkes County; and against the outlyers or Tories as they were then called -- returning home when the aforesaid three months tour expired.

The said Blake remained at home after this tour, several months the precise time she cannot state when he again entered the service as a militia man, under Captain Kenady [Thomas Kennedy], for the period again of three months, and after the said Captain Kenady had served out about half his time he either resigned or was removed, when a man by the name of Camp [Jonathan Camp] took the command of said company and held the same till the term of service expired. Further, that this company also belonged to Colonel McDowell's Regiment of North Carolina Militia, and were she thinks employed as scouting parties against the Tories, but whether this the certain or not she cannot say; that she only speaks from what she has heard said by him and others.

The applicant further says on her oath that her husband the aforementioned Blake Piercy, enlisted in the latter part of the year 1780 for a tour of six months under one Captain McDowell [Joseph McDowell] who resided in Burke County & State of North Carolina, as did also the said Blake Piercy when he served all the said tours, which Captain McDowell belonged to the aforementioned Colonel McDowell's Regiment of North Carolina Militia, and were brothers: that they were marched to, or near, a place called Charlotte where they were placed under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and she thinks had a small fight at a place called Ninety Six, which was in the State of South Carolina, and from thence they beat on up the Country until they arrived at a place called the Cowpens where the whole of the North

Carolina Militia were engaged in a serious battle [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781], in which the aforesaid Piercey was dangerously wounded and left behind: after which the six months for which the Militia had enlisted, soon expired and they all returned home, but those that had been killed or wounded in said battle -- the said Piercey, being among the wounded, was taken care of until his mother and relatives went after him to some place where had been left in the care of a few Continentals, of which wounds he afterwards died. She further says that as to the manner in which the said Piercey was discharged from service, she can say nothing, if he received written discharges, she never saw them, nor did she hear him speak of them but is of opinion that he was in each case verbally discharged. She further says that she has no other proof of service and that of which she encloses with this, viz. John Penland¹ who swears to one years service rendered at different periods. She further declares that she was married to the said Blake Piercey on the 15th day of October A.D. 1791, by Joseph Bussiere [?] in the County of Warren and State of Georgia and by license and that her husband the said Blake Piercey died on the 30th day of December 1837 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz. at the time above mentioned.

S/ Mary Piercy, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open Court

S/ E H Honeycutt, CCC S/ Charles Byrd, Chairman

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State of North Carolina Yancey County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County the 17 day of October A.D. 1850, personally appeared Mary Piercey, who being first duly sworn according to law, says on her oath that the accompanying family Register is all the Documentary evidence which she has, to show that she was the wife, and now, the widow of late Piercey.

Further that the aforementioned Register, is in the hand writing of George Strauder [could be Strander], and was so put down, by order of Blake Piercey; and has been in the possession of her the said Mary Piercey from the death of the aforesaid Blake Piercey, to the present time.

S/ Mary Piercy, X her mark

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Register of the ages 1796

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Ephraim Piercy Son of Blake Piercy and Mary His Wife Was Born April the 12th Day 1794

Wm Piercy son of Blake Piercy and Mary His Wife Was Born October the 20th Day 1796

Sebon Piercy son of Blake Piercy and Mary his wife was born Marched the 13th Day 1799

Willis Piercy son of Blake Piercy and Mary His Wife Was Born December 26 Day 1807 & Died July 1st Day 1809

Mary Piercy Daughter of Blake & Mary Piercy Was Born on Friday the 15th Day of June 1810 between the Hours of 11 & 12:00 PM.

Wilbourn Piercy Was Born Wednesday June 2nd 1813, between sun down and dark.

¹ [John Penland R8093](#)

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Wife was born October the 20th Day 1796

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William Piercy was born Sunday June 2nd 1818. between sun down
and dark.

[p 20: On October 17, 1850, in Yancey County, NC, Ephraim Piercy and James Wilson gave testimony in support of the claim by Mary Piercy. The relationship, if any of Ephraim to the veteran is not stated.

Ephraim Piercy Seal
James Wilson Seal

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State of North Carolina Oldham County: On this the 24th day of August A.D. 1850 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Court of record in said County, John Penland ~~ninty~~ ^{ninty} years eighty-six years of age who being first duly sworn according to law says on his oath that one Blake Piercy a soldier of the Revolutionary War, did serve a tour of three months in the North Carolina Militia in the same company to which he the said John Penland belonged, which company was commanded by Captain White, belonging to Colonel McDowell's Regiment, and

said service was for home defense in [?] the Counties lying joining to Burke County and State of North Carolina. Deponent says that as to the date when this service was rendered he cannot say, but he thinks that it was in the year 1779.

Deponent further says, that the said Blake Piercey served another tour of three months in the North Carolina Militia with him under Captain Kenady, and after his removal under Captain Camp, belonging to the same Colonel McDowell's Regiment. That they were marched Southward as scouting parties after the Tories in the lower Counties, that in both cases the said late Piercey was a private and remained so as long as he knew him.

Deponent further says on his oath that the said Blake Piercey, enlisted after that tour had expired several months, under one Captain McDowell for a tour of six months, that he the said Penland did not go in this company nor any other one, but that he saw the said Piercey started from Burke County under the said Captain McDowell and belonging to the Regiment of Militia commanded he thinks by Colonel McDowell who was a brother to the Captain McDowell above mentioned. Deponent further says that these troops were gone before he got home six months or perhaps a longer than that time, and that he has heard men who was in this troops say that they were as low down the Country as Ninety Six, and had some fighting to do at that place. Deponent further says that when this Regiment came home, the said Blake Piercey was left behind, and that his father went after him, as he the said Blake had been wounded in the battle of the Cowpens, and was for that reason unable to get home. He further says that many of the soldiers told him that the said Blake Piercey was wounded in the battle at the Cowpens. Deponent further says that from all the knowledge that he had of this tour they enlisting for six months, and from the best recollection he has of the time when they returned, and from what the soldiers told him themselves: that he is perfectly certain that they were gone six months; and that he knew Piercey was wounded in some way or other for he himself saw the wounds after his return home. Deponent further says that Colonel McDowell told him after his return that the said Blake Piercey had been wounded in the battle fought at the Cowpens.

He further says that he thinks these troops came home in the year 1781 or perhaps in the 82, as his memory does not serve him well.

S/ John Penland, X his mark