

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard Pigman R8251

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State of Kentucky Perry County

This 25 of July 1834 I Thomas Francis a Justice of the Peace for Perry County attended at the residence of Leonard Pigman of Perry County Kentucky, who I certify is unable from old age & disease to attend the Court of said County, who being first duly sworn by me in due form of law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in addition to one sworn to before me for a pension on the 25 of May 1832¹ & certified by the Clerk of the Court on the same day who upon his [oath] doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Acts of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the line of the State of North Carolina on Continental establishment for and during the War, the place & date forgotten, that he enlisted under Captain Philip Walters, or Captain Ed [illegible last name, appears to end in the letters "iven"]², which he does not recollect: he believes it was the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Butler [John Butler]. He states that he served a few months upwards of three years before he was discharged at the close at Hillsboro North Carolina by his Captain whose name he has forgotten being changed from one Captain to another, he cannot remember the sections of the Country he was in, except he knows he was for some months marched into Georgia, then into South Carolina where he remained for a considerable [time], then back into North Carolina and was marched about & stationed about in different parts of the State, while in the service he remembers to have seen Generals Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] & Marion [Francis Marion] & Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. He was in two other Battles but he has forgotten the names. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State + he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services. Sworn & subscribed this day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Francis, JP

S/ Leonard Pigman, X his mark

He was born in North Carolina, County forgotten & as to his he refers to his first declaration Has no record of his age -- He lived in North Carolina when called into service and lived there until he moved into Kentucky where he now lives. He enlisted for himself alone -- He has stated all he knows & about the service and the officers -- He received a discharge which he has lost. He received no commission. He is known to Thomas Francis, James Collins, John

¹ No such application is located in this file.

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Mullings, and Ambrose Burgey all his neighbors.

[James Collins a clergyman and Ambrose Berg gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: The following is recorded in Law Order Book 6, Page 45, Russell County, VA court records.]

June 2, 1818

The following persons who reside in the county of Russell wishing to become pensioners under the act of Congress of the 18th of March last, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States", declared on oath as follows:

Leonard Pigman declared that he enlisted with Capt. George Stewart, in the North Carolina line in the United States Service as a private, he enlisted in the County of Chatham, the regiment he served in was commanded by Colo. John Butler; that he was in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] and in several skirmishes against the Tories; that he was discharged by Colo. Butler near the town of Augusta in Georgia having served upward of nine months. He also declared that he is seventy years of age and is in indigent circumstances.

It also appears to the satisfaction of the court that the aforesaid applicants are persons of good credit as witnesses, and that they served in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy; and it was also satisfactorily proven to the court that the said John Ferrall, Leonard Pigman, Carlton Keeling, John Sykes, Abraham Childers, James Berry, Charles Sexton and Jacob Hess according to the report of their neighbors previous to the passage of the said Act of Congress had served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War; All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.