

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Pike R8253

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The Common Wealth [sic] of Kentucky Sct.

Be it remembered that Robert Pike and old revolutionary Soldier this 29th day of July in the year of our Lord 1818 personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Circuit Judges in and for the said Common Wealth [Commonwealth] and made oath upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the revolutionary [war] about the month of February 1778 to the best of his recollection under Captain Wood in Colonel Abraham Buford's Regiment in Rockingham County Virginia and continued in the service under Colonel Buford until about two weeks before the Christmas preceding Buford's defeat [May 29, 1780] being in the service about eleven months that he was regularly discharged but has lost his discharge being washed up in his pockets – that he is now a resident of the County of Woodford in Kentucky that he is aged and infirm and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country being a very poor man that he has never received a pension from his Country and that he knows of no person within any reasonable distance whereby he can prove the above facts – except as to his property –

Signed –

Robert Pike, X his mark

[Isaac Crutcher stated that he knows Robert Pike and that he is poor.]

Kentucky Sct.

Before me Benjamin Mills judge of the General Court and one of the Circuit Judges for the State aforesaid personally appeared Captain William Smith aged fifty-eight, who being sworn as the law of directs did depose and say that he was acquainted with the afore named applicant Robert Pyke whose declaration is hereto annexed previous to his enlistment in the Continental Army of the revolution, that the father of this deponent was then County Lieutenant of Rockingham County Virginia, and generally administered the proper oath to those who were enlisted for eighteen months, and that he well remembers that his said father administered the oath as a soldier to the said Robert Pyke as a recruit in said service, and that said Pyke with several others were then sent to the place of rendezvous. He further remembers that the said Pyke was first objected to on account of his stature being rather low for the service; but he passed inspection. That after the said Pyke's going into service as aforesaid, he does not remember to have seen him again until 8 or in 10 years or thereabouts afterwards when he met with him in Kentucky and recognized him as the same person and now he has known him ever since.

Sworn to before me this 30th July 1819

S/ B. Mills

District of Kentucky Estill County Sct.

On this 18th day of June 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said District and county having power to fine and imprison for contempt, Robert Pike age 70 years resident in Estill County in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: He enlisted with Captain Woods (he thinks) of Colonel Abraham Buford's Regiment of Regulars on Continental establishment in the Virginia line in the year 1777 as well as he recollects in Rockingham County Virginia to serve for eighteen months, at the expiration of which time he reenlisted in the same Regiment for during the War. When he was discharged in South Carolina by his Capt. Wain Colo. Bufords Defeat near the hanging Rock in Carolina. [Note: this sentence is transcribed exactly as it appears—makes no sense.]

His Certificate of pension is No. 14,119. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: One hore [sic, horse?] of little value appraised by two of my neighbors at \$15, Six head of Cattle including two yearlings & one calf \$24. Seven head of hogs \$10, house furniture besides one old Bed \$10 farming utensils \$5 – Total \$74.

I have owing to me a small sum of money from a man who I have been dunning for about 15 years and fear I shall never get it.

And I owe about \$50 to various persons and shall owe about 10 Barrels of Claiborne next Christmas for rent. I am 8th farmer owned and rented land, but I can scarcely work any being lame and forced to walk with a crutch. My family consist of my Wife aged about 66 years and one son about 17 years, the No. of my first Certificate is 14,119

S/ Robert Pike, X his mark

[f p. 39]

State of Kentucky Estill County

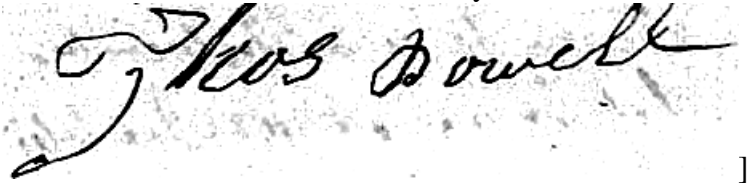
I Robert Pike aged seventy-six years a citizen of the United States upon oath testify and declare that in the year 1776 – or '77 I enlisted in the Army of the Revolution against the common enemy of my country for the term of "during War" and served in the company commanded either by Captain Hord [could be Hood] or Captain Fields and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buford No. 14 of the Virginia line, and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war in 1783 when I was regularly discharged from ___ Regiment commanded by Colonel Buford as he believes. My discharge is now lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce it to corroborate the above statement – I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States, nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever. Therefore...[Boilerplate power of attorney language omitted]

S/ Robert Pike

[Attested February 19, 1822]

[f p. 16: On November 29, 1841 in Montgomery County Kentucky, Anny Pike, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Robert Pike; that she married him at Wilkinson's Fort on the Monongahela River in the state of Pennsylvania in the latter part of August 1781; that they were married by a magistrate named James Anderson; that her husband died December 7, 1834; that she knows of no record of her marriage of the age of her oldest daughter in a Bible in the possession of her son-in-law Thomas Powell which record she files as part of her application. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 17: Bone November 30, 1841 in Montgomery County Kentucky, Thomas Powell testified that he is 62 years old; that he was well acquainted with Robert Pike, a revolutionary war pensioner who died December 7, 1834 and his widow Anny Pike; that he has in his possession a family Bible which shows the following: Thomas Powell was born in the year of our Lord August the 6th day 1779, Hannah Powell was born in the year of all Lord 1780 to September the 2 day so continues with the age of the deponent's Children; that the said Hannah Powell his wife is the oldest child of Robert and Anny Pike.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Powell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left. The signature is centered horizontally within the text block.

[f p. 36: On May 3rd, 1843 in Estill County Kentucky Hannah Powell a resident of Montgomery County Kentucky gave evidence that she is 59 years old last fall; that she is the daughter of Robert and Anny Pike; that as fallback as she can remember (to when she was age 4) her parents lived together as man and wife; and that her father was a revolutionary war pensioner and died December 7, 1834. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 30, 1819, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia Continental line.]