

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Pin (Pinn) R8264

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts } SS
Suffolk County }

On this twenty eighth Day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and Forty two, Personally appeared in open Court, before the subscriber, Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, in said Commonwealth, John Pin a resident of Chelsea in the County and state aforesaid, aged Eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he the said John Pin together with his late Father Robert Pin and brothers Billy & James or Jim Pin, were Soldiers in the army of the Revolutionary War and that his Father Robert Pin aforesaid & himself served together in Captain William Yerby's Company of Virginia Artillery, and of the Regiment commanded by Col Williams. That himself was a Powder Boy, and attached to Gun No 3, under the command of said Captain Yearby. During which service he was at the siege of Yorktown in Virginia, when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his army to Gen'l Washington [19 Oct 1781], that during the cannonade on that occasion he said John received two several wounds - one from an enemies spent cannon ball, which injured his right ancle - the other from a Musquet shot thro the left Legg.

The declarant further states that he is a descendant of the Aboriginies of America - that his Father was a Mustee (mixed) & his Mother a Cherokee, & were inhabitants of Lancaster County Virginia at a place called Indian Town near Carters Creek in said County. that he is a Seaman by Ocupation in which employment he has been engaged ever since the termination of the Revolutionary War which calling he still follows. He also states that he has sailed out of most of the principle ports in the United States more particularly from Boston & Salem in this state. In the former place he married as his wife Nancy Coffin, some Forty years since, who died 22 years ago, and that he has been an Inhabitant of Massachusetts upwards of Fifty years, residing occasionally at Boston - Salem & Danvers in said state. At Salem he formerly owned a small House and Lot of Ground which House was thro' some accident burned down, and that he has more recently lost upwards of Five hundred and Ninety Dollars in money by the failure of Mr Aaron Ordway - a Merchant of Salem, in whose hands he had left the proceeds of his wages for many a voyage in the Merchant service, Intending thereby to have a sum of money in store to help himself in old age, but is now deprived of the same and is in indigent circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country.

The declarant further states that soon after the termination of the Revolutionary War, his Father Robert Pin, obtained from the United States the quantity of Bounty Lands due on account of the services of himself & his three sons in the army - amongst it whose was the declarant & his brothers Jim & Billy Pin, who as he believes served in the Rifle Corps under Colonel [Daniel] Morgan - the former of whom was killed while in said service.

He further declares that he has no Record or Documentary evidence in his possession to offer as proof of his service nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove any part of the same, and declares that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state whatever, and further that he would not have claimed the benefit of the pension laws of the United States had in not have been for the pecuniary losses he as sustained as before described

John hisXmark Pin

I John Pinn of Chelsea in the County of Suffolk and commonwealth of Massachusetts Being Sworn, do on Oath testify depose and say, and make the following additional declaration That according to the best of my recollection the Troops to which I belonged were stationed at Gloucester some twelve months before the siege of York Town commenced [on 28 Sep 1781] That my Father & myself were in Captain William Yarby's company of Artillery, that during the siege of Yorktown I was placed under Captain Moses Hawkins in whose company myself &

Father served through the whole of the siege aforesaid

I further testify and say that I have but a verry limited knowledge of the terms of our enlistment or of its duration as my Father Robert Pinn aforesaid, transacted all the business relating thereto, and afterward in procuring Bounty Lands for himself and his three sons including myself. Which Bounty Land was sold to a Gentleman, called Captain John McTier of Lancaster, I received one Crown as the proceeds of the sale of my Bounty Land.

[7 Nov 1842]

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