

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Pipken (Pipkin) R8269

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The State of Alabama, Conecuh County }

On this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, personally appeared in open court before Jephtha V. Perryman, Judge of the County Court of Conecuh County, Stephen Pipkin [sic], a resident of Conecuh County and State of Alabama, aged seventy nine years, one month and two days, having been born in Daubs [sic, Dobbs?] County in the State of North Carolina, on the second day of August in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty seven, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he volunteered his services in the State of North Carolina in the service of Daubs County, and that he entered the service in the month of September as he thinks some time about the last of that quarter 1775 or 6 and that the company of which this applicant was a member, volunteered for six months and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Richard Caswell. This applicant says that the company which he joined was required to march immediately from Daubs County North Carolina to the widow Moore's Creek Hanover County [sic, New Hanover], the British being at that time stationed at Wilmington and the Tories were expected to attempt to join them, to prevent this, and to cut off the Tories from the British, the company was called out so early and stationed at the widow Moore's Creek as above stated; that on the morning after arriving at the creek, the Regiment consisting of about thirteen hundred men, was attacked by the Tories [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776],¹ supposed to be of much larger force who were attempting to force their way to Wilmington to join the British and they, the Tories, were routed and dispersed and forced to retreat.

The Regiment then returned to Kinston, Headquarters, on Neuse River in Daubs County, where it remained a short time, and then marched to Newbern [sic, New Bern], from New Bern to Wilmington, to attack the British thinking they were still there, but they had before that time left, and, the Regiment remained at Wilmington until the expiration of the time of service, which was six months.

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

Shortly after this time, the applicant was drafted for five months and hired Thomas Grantham as a substitute, who served out his term without being in any battle or engagement, being principally employed against the Tories.

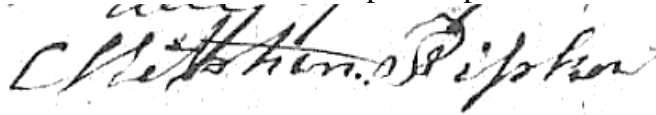
At the time Charleston was in the possession of the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], this applicant was drafted a second time for nine months; the object of which draft was to raise troops to march to Charleston, and hired William Peters as a substitute, who served until the close of the war or until the expiration of the nine months.

The foregoing statement contains all that this applicant can furnish in his behalf. He received a discharge at the expiration of the six months when he volunteered, by Col. Richard Caswell, but does not recollect whether he received a written discharge, if he did he has lost it. This applicant does not know if any surviving witness or person who served with him in the army, if there is any one it is one Elisha Harrell who resides if alive, in South Carolina, Darlington District.

The said Stephen Pipkin, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of September 1836.

S/ Stephen Pipkin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen Pipkin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Stephen Pipkin".

[Blanton P. Box, a clergyman, and Whiting Oliver gave the standard supporting affidavit.]