

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Pitman R8271

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State of North Carolina Halifax County} On the 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid Arthur Pitman a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Eighty-three years who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, That he entered in the Army of the United States in the month of May 1781 in Halifax County North Carolina as a light horsemen commanded by Captain William Ellen in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Branch and was employed until the close of the War in the Continental service in the State of North Carolina in taking and carrying to Joal [sic, jail] such as refused to serve in the Army; also in carrying provisions to the Army. And at the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] I was with a drove of hogs to the American Army after which I continued to serve as first stated until the close of the war when I with the rest of the privates was discharged. Peace having been proclaimed in the Country after that we were not called on any more I then obtained a certificate for between seventy and eighty dollars assigned [sic, signed?] I think by Colonel Bradford (his given name I do not recollect) which certificate I sold to Barrell Smith for thirteen dollars before the funding law was passed by Congress the balance of my pay after the certificate were funded I have never received; after my discharge from the Army I settled in the County aforesaid where I have remained ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to the pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension list (or roll) of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ M. H. Pettway, Clk

S/ Arthur Pitman, X his mark

[Miles Smith, a minister of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The amended declaration of Arthur Pitman for a pension under the Act of Congress passed in the year 1832 7 June

Arthur Pitman to whose declaration this is appended says that he served in the Revolutionary War twelve months or four tours of three months each as a private. He does not recollect by whom it was signed -- has lost his discharge -- and has no proof (living) whereby to establish it.

[This 'amendment bears no evidence of having been signed by the applicant. It is attested by the clerk of court, M. H. Pettway, on October 23, 1833 in Halifax County North Carolina.]
[Shadrach Merritt gave a standard supporting affidavit.]